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DUI CHARGE | **STUDENT CONSEQUENCES**

"I really wanted to go back to school because I wanted an education so I could get a better job."

Robert Owen Basinger



Brittany DeWester State Hornet

Robert P. Walton leads a memorial service for Mary Sekul on Friday at Sacred Heart Church.

Life lost; education and job goals on hold

BY GAMALIEL ORTIZ
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All-state high school wrestler. Business major. Twelve units.

Robert Owen Basinger, 22, made the decision to go back to school this semester after two years away from the classroom. He selected Sacramento State to study business.

On March 10, Basinger, an average college student, made a call to drink and drive, according to police. That same night, the student crashed his vehicle off Folsom Boulevard.

That night's decision led to the death of Mary Sekul, a Sacramento-area elementary school art teacher and mother of one.

Five days after the accident, Basinger sat inside a Sacramento County Jail cell, charged with gross vehicular manslaughter and DUI.

"I grew up in Redding," Basinger mumbled. He sat in a wheel chair, behind a glass and steel barricade in the

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Halls lack smoke detectors

Officials say buildings meet California fire codes, even without detectors

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Several of the older buildings at Sacramento State do not have smoke detectors in classrooms or hallways. Smoke detectors were not necessary when the buildings were built, an electrician supervisor said.

Tahoe Hall, Brighton Hall and Alpine Hall are some of the buildings that do not have smoke detectors.



Martin Wood State Hornet

"All buildings on campus meet the current fire code," said Ron Richardson, associate vice president of Facilities Services. "We updated systems on a building-by-building basis, and we addressed the most deficient buildings first. We upgraded 20 or 25 buildings on campus."

For many of the buildings, California fire codes have exceptions, due to the age and particular uses of each building. There are also exceptions from some of the rules based on width of doorways, height of windows and size of stairwells. Single story buildings built before 1974 that have multiple qualifying doorways that exit to a safe area are not required to have smoke alarms or fire sprinklers.

Richardson said that putting smoke detectors in Tahoe Hall was delayed due to funding concerns.

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HIGHWAY TO COMMUNICATION

Sac State signed a contract for a digital communication sign along highway

BY AMANDA POLLARD
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Sacramento State students will discover a new addition to their commute along Highway 50 next fall.

The university has negotiated an agreement through University Enterprises Inc. and Clear Channel Outdoors for a digital communication sign to be built on university property.

The new sign will feature the Sac State logo and will make the campus more visible from the highway.

In addition to being able to display a message on the screen, which will show up to eight messages every 64 seconds, Sac State is going to receive $750,000 when the sign is complete.

Matt Altier, executive director for University Enterprises Inc., said the messages Sac State will be able to display would

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SUSTAINABILITY | Trying to measure up

Take off: Sac State joins 90 other schools in green effort

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Sacramento State has joined a pilot program with 90 other campuses in the United States and Canada to assess the use of resources to reduce the environmental impact.

The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System will give students, faculty and staff an opportunity to see how well Sac State is doing to provide sustainability by rating the campus in a variety of categories.

Sustainability is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Sustainability falls into three main categories: environmental, economic and social.

The system functions like a midterm exam. The program gives participating campuses the opportunity to show where they are successfully achieving sustainability, and provides the campuses with feedback to highlight activities that can be improved, said Jillian Buckholz, sustainability coordinator at Chico State, one of the pilot campuses.

Ratings fall into the categories of administration and finance, education and research, and operations. Scoring for each section will be based on whether the campus does or does not take the indicated approach.

The assessment will be done by faculty and students at Sac State who are members of the system's

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ASI appointments include 3 fresh faces

Student body government president manages to fill vacant positions after five members were found ineligible in January

BY ASHLEY DOWNTON
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Associated Students Inc. President Christina Romero has had trouble filling five director positions vacated when Student Affairs declared the directors ineligible at the beginning of the semester.

Romero said vacant director positions prevent students within each college from having representation through a director on the ASI Board of Directors.

She said students should contact the director within their college when they want to provide feedback about or want to organize an event in their college.

"The director also meets with the college dean to talk about any issues that are going on or to critique the relation-

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From top: Kiran Tariq, Justine Yang and Robert Linch were recently appointed to the board of directors by ASI President Christina Romero.

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What will the mojo run into this week?

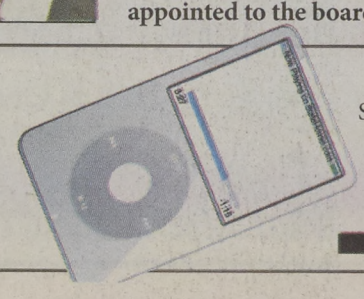
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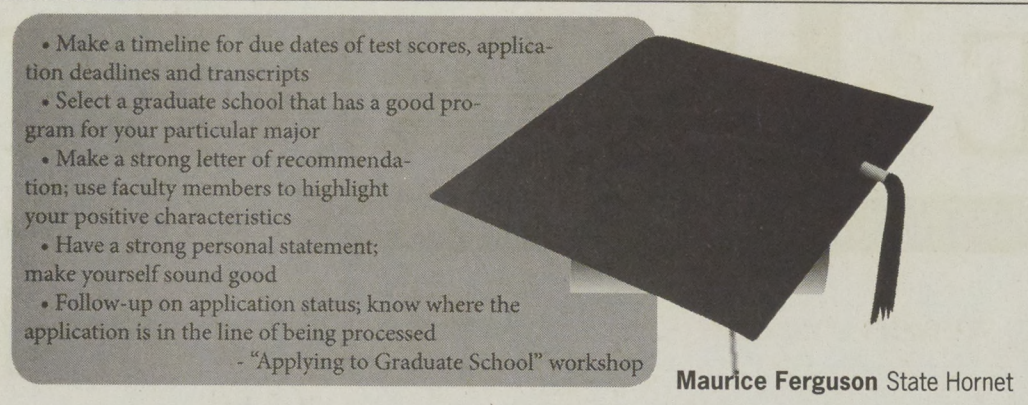
• Senior night. Gymnastic team (seniors) reflect on their time at Sac State.



SAC IN STEREO

Sac in Stereo's street credibility is out the window this week as our hosts reveal their guilty pleasures in music. Sean Paul? Ashlee Simpson? And, does America's favorite prostitute have a chance at a record deal?

ThursdayPodcast



Maurice Ferguson State Hornet

Tips offered to students applying to grad school

By Vanessa Johnson
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Sacramento State's Office of Graduate Studies and the Graduate Diversity Program are offering a workshop aimed at helping students apply to graduate school.

While 20 years ago it was seen as a great achievement to have a four-year college degree, today it is more common for high school graduates to seek higher education, said Jose Martinez, supervisor for Graduate Admissions. Students are taught in high school that the more education one has, the better his or her chances are for a well-paying job, he said.

Martinez said technology is pushing education requirements.

"Today the bachelor's degree doesn't carry the same weight as it used to. It is getting more and more competitive to get into a graduate program," Martinez said.

One of the most important factors to consider when applying to graduate school is making a timeline of when test scores, transcripts and other important documents need to be turned in. Knowing exactly when a particular school wants a student's test scores in, as well as how long it takes to send in transcripts from a school, is among other factors students should look at.

Different universities need specific test scores, depending on what program students apply for. The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) and Law School Admission Test (LSAT) are just some tests that students may have to take. The GRE is a general test that includes verbal and critical reasoning, the GMAT is a test usually for students looking to apply to a business program and the LSAT is for those students looking to get into law school.

Students interested in applying must realize that while most application processes only require one application, they will more than likely have to turn in two: one to the university and one to the major's admission office they are applying for.

Every program has a deadline for application submissions. Application deadlines and completion deadlines may vary for different universities. Students should call the Graduate Admissions Office of the school they wish to apply to for more information.

Application deadlines are before the completion deadlines. Completion deadlines usually mean that all transcripts and test scores must be sent in by a certain time following the application deadline.

Suzanne Gerbasi, director for Graduate Student Services, stressed the importance of meeting deadlines. She said that it is important to get paperwork organized and complete on time.

"Students should have a plan. Graduate school is very different than undergrad. It is like reapplying to a new school altogether, and students need to be mindful of deadlines," Gerbasi said.

Beth Marrit Miller, director of Academic Advising and Career Center, said if students are interested in applying to graduate school, they need to take control of their education now by getting good grades and seeking help in academic advising.

"Not taking your courses seriously is the worst thing that any student can do," Miller said. "Use academic advising to put yourself ahead and keep you focused on school," she said.

Academic advising keeps students on a schedule toward graduation and makes sure that students are taking the appropriate classes for their general education and major.

A student's personal statement is also essential in the application process. A personal statement is a written essay that some universities ask of prospective graduate students. Certain questions are asked of the applicant by the admission committee to get a chance to see students on a more personal level.

"A personal statement is a sales pitch. You are selling yourself, so make it sound good," Martinez said.

Personal statements should reflect a student's personality and uniqueness. Applicants should demonstrate how they went above and beyond the other applicants by including academic rewards or any activities that may highlight their character.

Meggin Lindgrin, who graduated from Humboldt State University in 2000 is now seeking her master's degree in public relations at Sac State. She attended the workshop and thought it was really helpful.

"I think the undergraduate degree is just an entry-level position, and for you to work successfully in your field, you need a graduate degree," Lindgrin said.

The Graduate Diversity Program will hold workshops today and on March 26 in the University Union to discuss the process of applying to graduate school.

For more information, the Graduate Diversity Program can be reached at (916) 278-3834.

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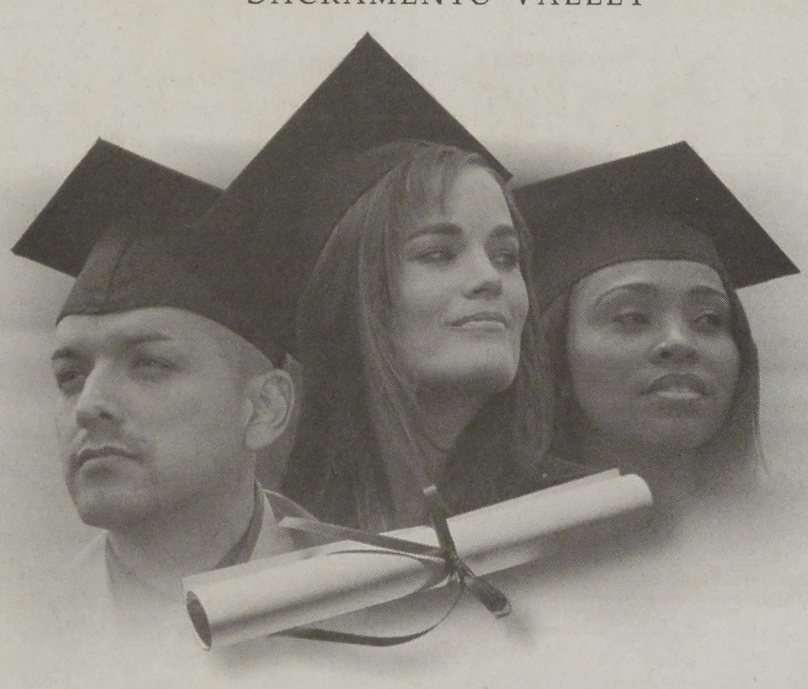
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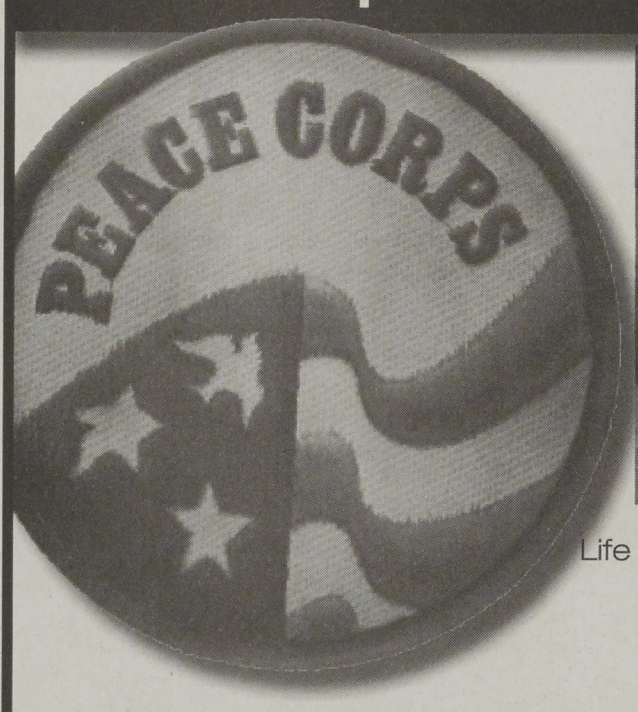
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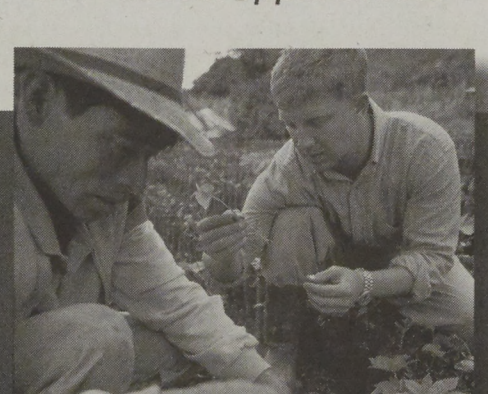


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Now interviewing for programs departing through March 2009!

Sac State takes 1st place in national Vegas contest

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A total of 21 teams nationwide participated in a two-day construction task in Las Vegas, where Sacramento State students won first place.

The 2008 Associated General Contractors of America and the Associated Schools of Construction 89th National Student Competition was judged by the planning, scheduling and the grasping of construction skills. The teams included 126 prospective individuals looking to get into the building world.

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Judges observed the final products and were able to hear an oral explanation for the projects and a written clarification to better understand each of the projects.

There were divisions of Commercial Building, Design Build and Heavy-Civil. First through third place were given for each.

Sac State won first place in the Commercial Building and Design Build divisions, taking the majority of the wins in the whole competition.

The participants received their awards at a dinner at the Flamingo and a breakfast at The Bellagio.

Granite Construction Inc., Hensel Phelps Construction Co. and Turner Construction were some of the sponsors for a division of the competition.

For more information about the Associated General Contractors of America and its affiliation with the national competition, visit www.arc.org.

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SCHOLARSHIPS | HELP TO BE AWARDED TO 25 STUDENTS

Program offers state-funded help to students

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Underprivileged students who meet a low socioeconomic need and poor educational background may be given a helping hand to reach higher education through a scholarship.

The Co-founders Angelo and Sofia Tsakopoulos Scholarship awards 25 students $1,000 in their freshman academic year or students transferring from community colleges.

The goal of the scholarship is to reach out to unprivileged students who attended high schools that average poorly statewide in order to give them the opportunity to enroll at Sacramento State.

Scholarship and internship coordinator Marie A. Torregrosa said she begins the recruiting phase by reaching out to high school counselors. Torregrosa said the scholarship criteria requires that eligible students fall under a low-income socioeconomic background, the first generation to attend college and a farm-working background.

Students awarded with the scholarship must also submit 40 hours of community service for an opportunity to not only receive monetary aid, but to give back to their community.

Associated Students Inc. Executive Vice President Miguel Cervantes was awarded with the scholarship during his freshman year at Sacramento State. Grateful for his experience, he said he was able to pay for his books, food, rent and college expenditures. Cervantes said he did not have to work and was able to fully focus on school and participate in campus events.

Cervantes worked with the Woodland Holy Rosary Church to give back to his community.

"We provided voter education and voter registration services to minorities in the community," Cervantes said.

Other services included translating documents from English to Spanish, providing information on social services available for abused children and women and educating elementary schools of higher education.

State-funded scholarships are dispersed throughout the California State University system. The CSU Scholarship Program for Future Scholars' goal is to increase disadvantaged students' participation in college.

Established in 1996, the scholarship program funds full-time students enrolled in a CSU campus. The scholarship is provided on a "need base." The need is established through financial aid after students have filed for aid.

According to the Call Me Mister Program (Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models), South Carolina is considered to be one of the poorest states accompanied with low standardized test scores statewide in the elementary school and high school levels.

The program recruits black males as teachers in the state's public elementary schools. The program was created as a result of a collaboration between Benedict College, Claflin University and Morris College.

Roy Jones, director for the program, said the program's main goal is to prepare black males to work in low-performing elementary schools that lack the support and resources needed to prepare students.

"It is important for our students to develop proper disposition in order to teach," Jones said.

Jones said through counseling and proper class placement the students enrolled in the program learn the philosophical framework and leadership skills necessary to enter an institution that help better the educational system.

"Students are mentored in developing meaningful relationships with kids and their peers, as well as effectively develop their self identity," Jones said.

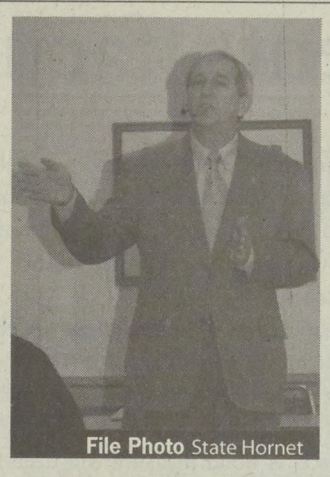
The program currently works with schools in Virginia and Pennsylvania. For the next two years, it is looking to collaborate with Florida and Georgia.

"We are not currently working with the state of California, but we are looking to expand our borders," Jones said.

The deadline for the CSU Scholarship Program for Future Scholars is May 23.

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Provost, VP interviews in Minnesota

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Metropolitan State University in Minnesota is currently interviewing candidates for its vacant president position. One of the candidates is an official from Sacramento State.

Sac State's Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Joseph Sheley is one of five candidates chosen to interview for the position.

The chosen candidate will likely begin his or her position as president by the new fiscal year, which is July 1 for Metropolitan State.

Sheley has had his position at Sac State since December 2006. He is in charge of the university's seven academic colleges, Library and the College of Continuing Education. His responsibilities include managing curriculum and degree development, Student Affairs and enrollment services.

Sheley is also responsible for developing the Destination 2010 initiative and is in the process of developing a branch campus in Placer County.

Sheley was on campus last week in Minnesota for interviews where he met with Metropolitan State's search committee, the chancellor and the university's Board of Trustees.

"The search committee figures out the qualifications (of the candidates) for those individual institutions," said Melinda Voss, public relations director for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

Chancellor James McCormick recommends the person he believes is best for the position to the Board of Trustees.

"The process moves pretty quickly once the five finalists have been on campus; usually it happens within a few days," Voss said.

Sheley said 300 to 400 positions for president open up every year, and many provosts get nominated routinely. Whether or not each individual decides to interview is another matter.

Sheley's main interest in interviewing for president at Metropolitan State is out of curiosity. When the Metropolitan State officials contacted him to tell him he was nominated, Sheley said he decided to go through with the application process because the university reminded him of Sac State.

"I was nominated then contacted by MSU," Sheley said "This one caught my eye because it is a metropolitan institution, like ours."

Regardless of what happens, the Sac State alumnus is happy in his position and is in no rush to leave.

"I have a real passion for Sac State. I love the institution and job because it gives me a chance to give back to the institution that launched my career," Sheley said.

Sheley earned his bachelor's degree in social science in 1969 and his master's degree in sociology in 1971 at Sac State and completed a doctorate in sociology at the University of Massachusetts in 1975.

After receiving his doctorate, Sheley joined the faculty at Tulane University and served as chair of the sociology department from 1985 to 1991. Sheley held a number of positions at Tulane before returning to Sac State, where he most recently served as executive vice president before officially becoming provost.

As provost, Sheley said his job is twofold: raising the level of informal and formal consultation and advice between groups on campus and handling responsibilities that come his way.

"What I've been trying to do is work closely with as many groups on campus as I can to get past fairly isolated silos," Sheley said. "I've tried to get as much information and data out to people as I can, so we can make informed decisions about curriculum, the budget and enrollment strategies."

Sheley said the proposed budget cuts to Sac State are one of the most important issues that he is dealing with at the moment. He has been working with Sac State President Alexander Gonzalez on handling the proposed budget cuts and getting that information out to the public.

Gonzalez has been very supportive of him growing in his career, Sheley said.

"He is an exceptional mentor. He always encourages the people who work with him to develop the skills to be competitive. He's very supportive of all of us developing professionally," Sheley said about those who work closely with the president.

Journalism student Jennifer Lemos thinks it is a great example of the school's leadership to have an official nominated for presidency.

"It makes me proud to know that one of our vice presidents is up for a presidential role," Lemos said.

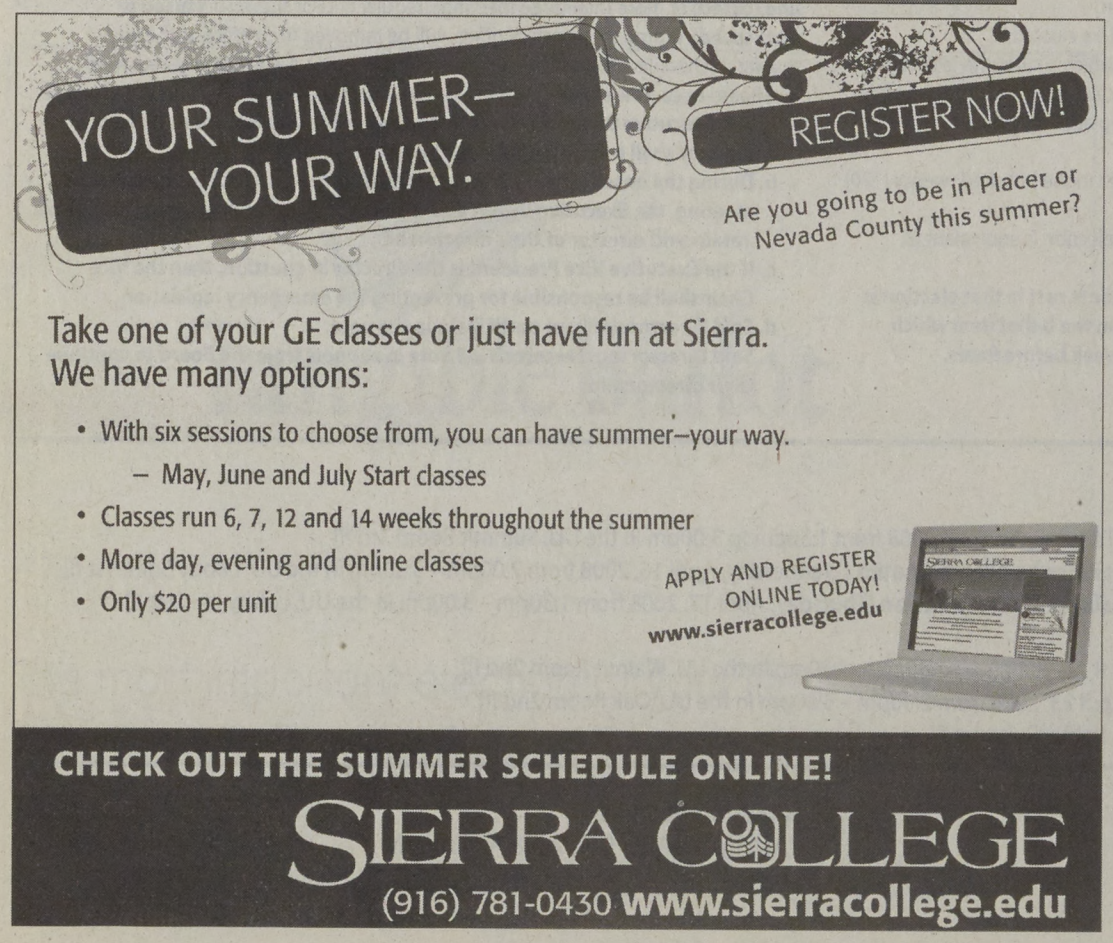
Other students on campus view this as a great opportunity for Sheley's career.

The interviews for presidency began March 10 and will run through today.

Metropolitan State's former president, Wilson Bradshaw, resigned to become the third president of Florida Gulf Coast University. Sheley was one of the top candidates for provost and vice president of Academic Affairs in 2004 and a candidate for president in 2007 for the Florida Gulf Coast University.

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Smoke: Many students, faculty not aware of alarm defects

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Many of the buildings have smoke detectors in the air ducts and electrical rooms, but not in hallways or classrooms.

Facilities Services determined that some buildings didn't have a great need for smoke detectors. Buildings like Tahoe Hall are concrete and steel structures, which are not likely to burn.

Some of the older buildings are not high priority because they are going to be replaced.

"Brighton and Alpine are going to be torn down," Richardson said. Installing smoke detectors in hallways was not fiscally responsible for buildings that were scheduled to be demolished. These buildings are to be torn down once the proposed Science II classroom is constructed.

"We hope to tear down those buildings in the next five years," Richardson said. Facilities Services expects the construction of the new building to be completed in 2013. Funds to begin planning the building are in place. A bond measure will need to be passed by California voters to fund construction of the new building.

The lack of smoke detectors left some students feeling uncomfortable as they stood near class in Alpine Hall.

"It's dangerous," said junior criminal justice major Jennifer Anderson. "It's a little scary. Every class is pretty much full. If they had a fire, people would trample each other in the small little halls."

Many students and faculty are not aware of the lack of smoke detectors.

"I didn't even notice," said senior business finance major Stephanie Cardenas.

Other students were concerned.



Derek Fleming State Hornet

Facilities Services remove the faulty motor from Capistrano Hall March 3.

"Frankly, I'm upset that there aren't smoke detectors in all the buildings," said senior business finance major Jeremy Davison.

Mike Christensen, vice president of Risk Management and Environmental Safety, said that he wasn't aware that there are buildings on campus without smoke detectors.

"We spent a huge amount of money upgrading the emergency response system, and I know that all buildings on campus meet what the state requires."

All buildings on campus were recently wired into the updated emergency response system, allowing public safety staff to immediately call police or fire departments in the event of an emergency.

Kirt Stout, interim manager of Environmental Health and Safety at Sac State, said he was under the impression that all buildings had smoke detectors.

Annette Montgomery, executive assistant to the vice president and CIO for Information Resources and Technology, was also not aware that some buildings lacked fire detection equipment.

California fire code specifies that smoke detectors or sprinklers must be installed in all buildings built after 1974. The only requirements for some old buildings are audible fire alarms and manual pull stations. These requirements depend on the particular building construction and layout of fire escapes, size of rooms, stairs and windows.

"Most of the older buildings don't have sprinklers because they weren't required," Richardson said. "The newer buildings require them, like the AIRC, but by code, they are not required in the old buildings."

Some areas of certain buildings use a compressed gas fire suppression system instead of sprinklers. These systems are designed to smother fires by using non-combustible gas.

"We have the suppression systems in Admission and Records, as well as in the telephone-switching areas, places where the sprinklers would damage the electronics," Richardson said.

Claudia Bridges, assistant professor for the College of Business, has an office in Tahoe Hall. She was not aware of the fire department response on March 3 when a heating and air conditioning motor failed and began smoking on the third floor. The smoke did not set off any alarms in the building, and no one pulled the manual fire alarm.

The California fire code specifies that smoke detectors and sprinklers be wired into a system that automatically triggers all alarms in the building. This was accomplished with the upgraded emergency response system.

One of the biggest improvements was the receiving end of the system. The system now automatically notifies public safety immediately if a smoke alarm goes off.

"It doesn't just send a message saying that there is a fire in Mendocino Hall, for instance. It says that there is a fire in Mendocino Hall on the second floor in room 214," Richardson said.

In addition to buildings being without smoke detectors, there is a lack of evacuation plans.

The evacuation maps in the newer buildings are colored in light blue and are not easily noticed. Many of the maps are located right next to an exit.

"That is something that we need to look into," Richardson said. "I wasn't aware we didn't have evacuation plans, but that should be something that can be taken care of fairly easily."

Richardson said that it shouldn't cost very much to get maps put in all buildings. Facilities Services plans to continue upgrading fire detection equipment across campus as funding allows.

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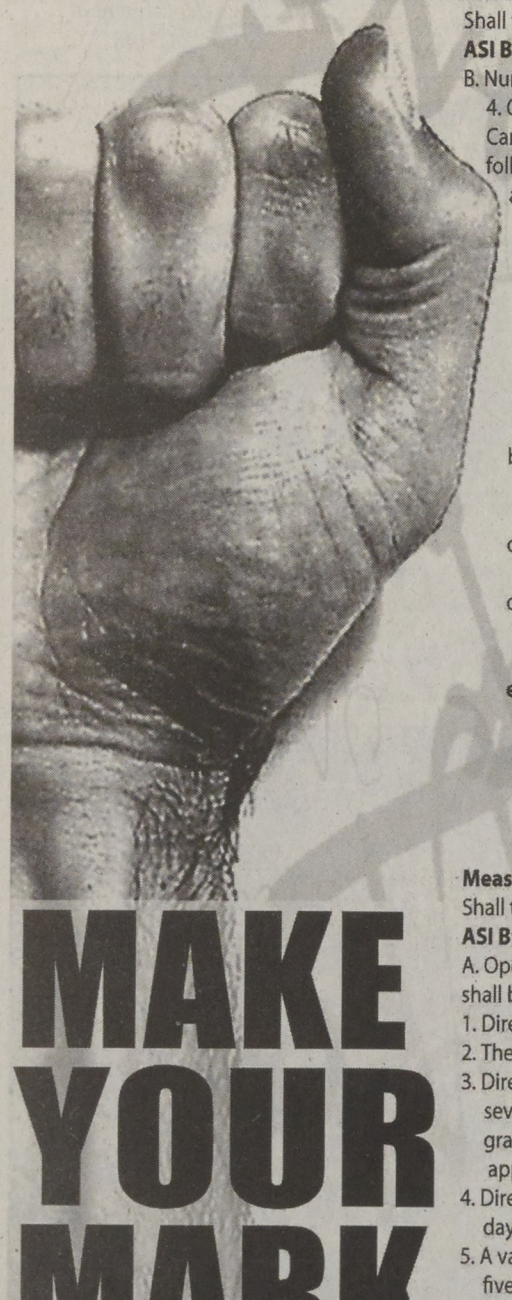
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The following measures will appear on the Spring 2008 Election Ballot. Anyone wishing to submit statements for or against the proposal(s) must submit these statements to the Office of Governmental Affairs (asioga@csus.edu) no later than April 7, 2008 5:00 pm via email attachments from a valid Saclink account. The statements for or against may be no longer than two hundred-fifty (250) words. A contact person and their contact information must be included with the statements.



MAKE YOUR MARK

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Measure 1
Shall the Associated Students Bylaws be amended as follows?
ASI Bylaw VII. DIRECTORS
B. Number and Qualifications of Directors (continued)
4. Qualifications
Candidates for election to the Board of Directors, other than ex-officio members, must meet the following qualifications.
a. Candidates for the Board of Directors must have a G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher to run for office and maintain a G.P.A. of 2.5 to take office as determined in one of the following methods.
1) An overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher or
2) A grade point average of 2.5 or higher for all work completed at CSUS or
3) To run for office, a grade point average of 2.5 or higher the twelve months (including intersession and summer session) prior to the semester in which the election is held.
4) To take office, a grade point average of 2.5 or higher the twelve months prior to the candidate's taking office.
b. If elected, Board members and Officers must meet all requirements established by the CSU Chancellor's Office during the semester of the election and each semester within which they serve.
c. Directors elected by particular Schools or constituencies shall be from said School or constituencies at the time of the election.
d. If elected or appointed, Board members and officers must maintain "good academic standing" (2.0 GPA) during each semester in which they serve as long as their cumulative GPA remains 2.5 or higher.
e. Students will be deemed ineligible to run for office, and/or be appointed to a vacancy on the ASI Board of Directors if in the previous twelve months they:
i. were removed from the ASI Board of Directors,
ii. voluntarily resigned from the ASI Board of Directors, or
iii. did not take office once elected to the ASI Board of Directors.

Measure 2
Shall the Associated Students Bylaws be amended as follows?
ASI Bylaw VIII. ELECTIONS
A. Operating rules governing all elections, initiatives and referenda shall be adopted by the Board and shall be consistent with the following:
1. Directors shall be elected at general elections held during the Spring term;
2. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall be elected;
3. Directors shall serve one year terms beginning with the transition event which shall be no less than seven (7), nor more than ten (10) calendar days after the University's official date that Spring Semester grades are due, but may continue to serve, if otherwise qualified, until replaced by election or appointment;
4. Directors shall file for candidacy no less than thirty (30) days or no more thanone hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date of election;
5. A valid election shall require that the total number of ballots cast in that election is equivalent to five (5) percent of the membership, or more;
a. A valid runoff election shall require that the total number of ballots cast in that election is equivalent to at least 50% of the number of students who voted on the ballot item which resulted in a tie. The runoff election must take place prior to the week before finals.

Measure 3
Shall the Associated Students Bylaws be amended as follows and made effective beginning with candidates running in the Spring 2009 General Election?
ASI Bylaw VII. DIRECTORS
B. Number and Qualifications of Directors (continued)
4. Qualifications
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4) To take office, a grade point average of 2.5 or higher the twelve months prior to the candidate's taking office.
b. If elected, Board members and Officers must meet all requirements established by the CSU Chancellor's Office during the semester of the election and each semester within which they serve.
c. Directors elected by particular Schools or constituencies shall be from said School or constituencies at the time of the election **except for the Director of Undeclared which may come from any School or constituency.**
d. If elected or appointed, Board members and officers must maintain "good academic standing" (2.0 GPA) during each semester in which they serve as long as their cumulative GPA remains 2.5 or higher.

Measure 4
Shall the Associated Students Bylaws be amended as follows?
ASI Bylaw VII. DIRECTORS
E. Removal of Directors
1. A Director who misses more than two consecutive regular meetings **(excused or unexcused)** or more than three meetings, regular and/or special **(excused or unexcused)**, during their term of office, will be removed from office at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. ~~, unless they receive a 2/3 majority vote from the Board to continue their directorship. Said Director shall not participate in the vote.~~
a. The Executive Director will notify the Executive Vice President when a director shall be removed because of meeting absences.
b. During the onset of new business at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, the Executive Vice President shall submit emergency legislation to retain said director of their directorship.
c. If the Executive Vice President is the director in question, then the Vice Chair shall be responsible for presenting the emergency legislation.
d. Said Director shall not participate in the vote.
e. Said Director must receive a 2/3 vote in support from the Board to continue their directorship.

Debate Dates and Locations
Board of Directors:
Graduate Director, College of Education and Director of Undeclared {Tuesday, April 15, 2008 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the UU, Summit Room 3rd fl]
College of Arts and Letters, Health and Human Services and Natural Science and Mathematics [Wednesday, April 16, 2008 from 2:00pm – 3:30pm in the UU, Lobby Suite 1st fl]
College of SSIS, Engineering and Computer Science and College of Business Administration [Thursday, April 17, 2008 from 1:30pm – 3:00pm in the UU, Lobby Suit 1st fl]
Executive Officers:
Vice President of Academic Affairs and University Affairs [Tuesday, April 22, 2008 from 2:00pm – 3:30pm in the UU, Walnut Room 2nd fl]
Executive Vice President and Vice President of Finance [Wednesday, April 23, 2008 from 2:00pm – 3:30pm in the UU, Oak Room 2nd fl]
Presidential Debate [Thursday, April 24, 2008 from 1:30pm – 3:00pm UU, Lobby Suite 1st fl]

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ASI President Christina Romero, left, swears in three new directors.

ASI: Strategic Plan not affected by vacancies, president says

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ship going on between ASI and that college," Romero said.

The communication between students or the college dean and the ASI director does not take place when a director position is vacant.

Though students who do not have a director assigned to their college can contact the ASI president, Romero said "the president is already doing their part so they can't be more than one person."

She said students can also get representation through university and ASI committees, but representation would be lacking in that college, unless the student took the initiative to come to ASI.

Romero said meetings between the college dean and ASI wouldn't take place when there is a director vacancy unless it was organized with another ASI director.

"The collaboration between the college and ASI would be minimal compared to if a director was there," Romero said.

Romero felt student representation in ASI is important because members and representatives of the campus community come to ASI asking how students want to be represented.

"It's administration, faculty senate, union representatives coming to ASI because we are the official student body government," Romero said.

"We have the campus community coming to (ASI) and asking how students feel about certain issues and so it's very important that we're there to answer."

Romero felt the vacancies at the beginning of the semester made the execution of ASI's strategic planning more difficult due to less individuals helping in the process.

"(Strategic planning is) having a game plan for the year and having an organized set of ideas and goals that we can follow short-term and long-term even when we're gone," Romero said.

She said the need to fill the positions did not affect the result of the strategic planning.

The positions for director of Engineering and Computer Sciences and graduate director are still vacant. Romero is taking applications for both positions from any Sacramento State students.

She has received applications for both positions. All students applying for graduate director did not meet eligibility requirements.

Romero had one candidate for director of Engineering and Computer Sciences but said, "I didn't think that he was the right person to forward to the board."

Romero swore three students into office as director of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, director of undeclared and director of Business at ASI's March 12 board meeting.

ASI APPOINTMENTS

Feb. 20: Romero reported that the director of Business she was going to recommend would not be able to attend the scheduled board meetings because of a conflicting school schedule.

Legislation presented by Romero to recommend Tariq as director of Business and Ricky Gutierrez as director of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies.

Feb. 27: Romero pulled legislation recommending Tariq as director of Business because the first recommended candidate came back with ability to attend board meetings.

Romero pulled legislation recommending Gutierrez as director of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies because he'd be unable to attend the board meetings.

March 5: The Board appointed Tariq as director of Business and presented legislation recommending Linch as director of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies.

Romero presented legislation recommending Yang as director of undeclared.

March 12: Tariq sworn into position as director of Business.

Linch and Yang appointed and sworn into positions as director of undeclared and director of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies , respectively.

Romero's original recommendations for director of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies and director of Business were removed because class schedules prevented both candidates from attending ASI's weekly board meetings.

"Making any further commitments to anything is going to be a challenge when you already have a schedule made," Romero said.

Kiran Tariq, director of Business, said she understood what the hold-up was in appointing her to the position.

Tariq was informed another director applied for the position and was Romero's first recommendation. The recommendation fell through because the candidate was ineligible and Romero then recommended Tariq for the position.

The first candidate came back as eligible to apply for the position and a hold-up resulted in the director Romero was going to recommend.

As board treasurer for the Muslim Student Association, Tariq said she is aware of appointment procedures and supported prolonging the decision.

Romero said ASI keeps the board meetings at the same time and day every year so students interested in becoming a member of ASI can incorporate the meetings into their schedules.

The application for director positions was updated to reflect the meeting time to prevent future confusion, Romero said.

Each recently-appointed director hopes to provide service and representation to students within his or her college that wasn't available when the position was vacant.

Robert Linch, director of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies and former ASI presidential candidate, said he has always wanted to be involved in ASI and hopes he will be able to do good for the students in general.

The details regarding the goals of his position have not yet been discussed. Linch was told there are projects from the previous director of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies that he wants to follow.

Linch wants to increase ASI's presence on campus and among students.

"(ASI) has a $10 million budget and considering that we take that from student fees, I think it's probably very important the (students) know that we're out there and are aware of the services that we provide," Linch said.

Linch said he's going to represent students in his college by serving on the board and voting in the interests of his college versus self-interests or the interests of other board members.

Justine Yang, director of undeclared, said the importance of her position is to represent the campus community and to be a student voice.

Yang said her goal is to get students more involved and encourage school spirit in the campus community by organizing events.

"As far as getting students involved, seeing more events that attract a more diverse group of students or a diverse audience so that a variety of people will actually come rather than those who have specific interests that we offer," Yang said.

As director of Business, Tariq said it is her responsibility to work as the connection between the College of Business and ASI to ensure communication takes place.

"It gives me an opportunity to do a lot of stuff that, as a student, you go 'I wish this could change; I wish these things would be a little bit more different.' It provides me with the opportunity to actually do something about it and make a difference," Tariq said.

For more information, visit the ASI website at www.asi.csus.edu.

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Environment: Performance ranking to take place in '09

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the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education - the organization that is conducting the system.

Each of the three sections has numerous categories. The operations section includes categories for recycling programs, e-waste recycling, renewable electricity and use of local foods in the dining areas on campus.

The administration and finance section contains categories related to planning, investment and development teams to organize projects for sustainability and waste reduction.

The sections will contain the preliminary data, which is the first phase of the program. Education and research are not being examined as part of the first phase of the pilot program. This section will be scored during the second phase of the program, which is scheduled for completion by the end of summer. Participating campuses will be ranked in spring 2009 based on the information gathered through this program.

The program will be used to identify practical methods for developing greener, more sustainable campuses. While the program will have no direct impact on the environment, it is the first step in researching what steps to take in the future.

Many Sac State students are doing some of the things needed for campus sustainability. Associated Students Inc. holds sustainability as one of its main missions on campus.

"ASI supports sustainability and environmentally friendly causes," said Walter Wallace, ASI vice president of University Affairs and board member for the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System.

"Our board meetings are entirely paperless, and all of our programs use 100 percent post-consumer recycled paper."

ASI also coordinates the on-campus recycling program.

Wallace said that there are a number of things students can do to help the environment.

"Separating recyclables from your garbage and composting help to reduce waste going to landfills," Wallace said. "Don't buy products that are wrapped in layers of packaging. Buy more fruits and vegetables instead of prepackaged snacks; ride a bicycle or walk to campus or work if you live close enough; these things all help. One person can't save the world, but they can make a difference."

Sac State operations members are also helping to reduce environmental impact.

Interim Vice President of Risk Management and Environmental Safety Mike Christensen said the campus implemented many environmental conservation practices, including recycling programs, to divert waste from landfills and a storm water and waste management program to help keep the river clean.

Sac State has a water treatment plant that cleans the water from the river that is fed by a pumping station. The pumping station and water inlet is the large boat-shaped structure jutting into the American River southeast of Guy West Bridge.

"Storm water runs off campus and goes into the river where it is picked up by the water inlet. The water is then pumped to the treatment plant before it is sent back to campus as drinking water," Christensen said.

UC Davis is not participating in the program. Graham Fogg, professor of hydrogeology at UC Davis, said that the campus is working on a program to reduce the campus carbon footprint. This means finding ways to use renewable electricity, reducing emissions output from gasoline, diesel equipment, and reliance on equipment that produces greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide. UC Davis encourages students to ride bicycles and to recycle in order to aid in environmental sustainability and reduce emissions.

Sustainability is often a controversial term among various social groups. The term has been negatively associated with limits and controls on business and lifestyle choices, such as manufacturing output constraints and closures of wildlife areas to protect endangered species.

"A lot of people hear the term 'sustainability' and they think of tree-hugger, save-the-whale types," said Claudia Bridges, assistant professor of College of Business Administration and a member of the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System.

"We are in the capital of the most progressive state in the country. Businesses are moving here at an incredible rate with a focus on alternative energy and sustainability, and we have got a university that is educating future employees of these companies, and I think it is our responsibility to ensure that the students are going out there with a level of education in that area," Bridges said.

The immediate need to achieve the goals of sustainability education is awareness, Bridges said.

"It needs to start at the top, with the college department heads. They need to go back and tell the departments that we need to meet certain goals of educating students to be knowledgeable about sustainability. Then the information needs to be passed on to the community and incorporated into the curriculum."

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Sign: 25-year lease agreement made by Sac State University Enterprises, Inc.

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Matt Altier, executive director for University Enterprises Inc., said the messages Sac State will be able to display would normally cost thousands of dollars in a location like Highway 50.

"This is a major avenue for the university to promote its educational, social and community programs at no cost to the school," Altier said.

At the top of the sign will be a 48-foot wide message board featuring the latest LED technology to reduce glare and light leakage.

"This sign features automatic brightness controls that continuously adjust for varying ambient day, night and weather conditions so that it's visible, but not overbearing," Altier said.

Sac State will receive a portion of advertising revenue during the 25-year lease agreement that has been negotiated, but the amount is unknown at this time.

When construction begins in early April, the sign's base will be built on the south side of Sac State's campus near the recycling center and will be visible 55 feet above where the highway crosses Folsom Boulevard.

The sign will be made available to California Highway Patrol and the FBI for law enforcement emergencies and will be used as a part of the Amber Alert Program.

Officer Steve Merchant with the CHP Public Affairs Office said he believes the sign is a positive development and a good opportunity to publicize current events and safety reminders.

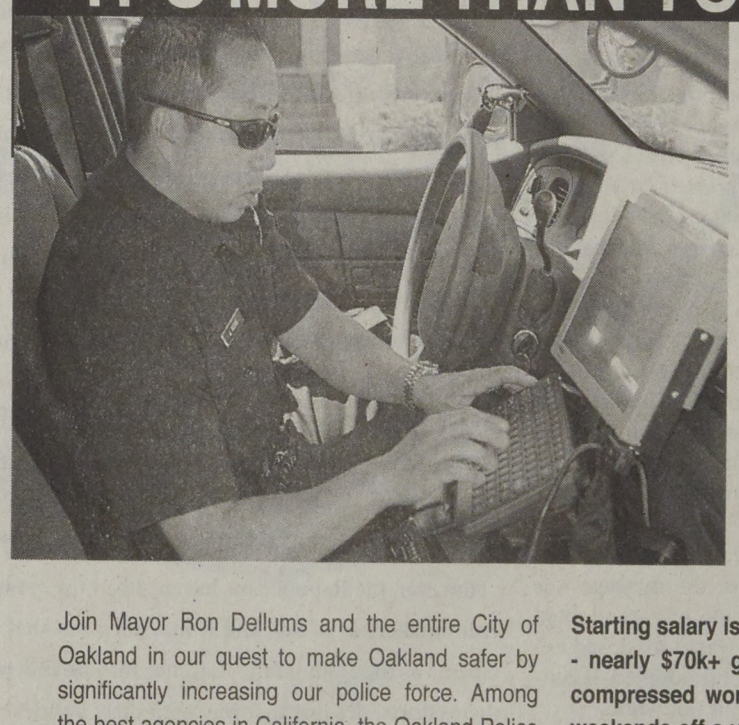
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State Hornet Editorial

The double-edged sword of transparency

For almost 2,200 employees of Sacramento State, any degenerate with a DSL connection can access an overview of their financial situation.

It all comes back to the Freedom of Information Act.

The public does have a right to know what state employees make because its taxes provide it, but the Internet is not always the best forum for posting personal financial information. Ideally, one could access this information through phone calls and FOIA requests, the data should not be just handed over to any slob with some free time.

However, the public's right to know trumps any right to privacy these workers may feel they have. It can be considered unfair, but is the way the world works.

All employees at Sac State are workers for the state of California. As state workers, the amount they earn is considered public information. What does this mean? It means that with a few keystrokes, students can look up their professor's salaries during a lecture. Then a student can judge if their professor is worth the salary they take home.

But it is not just lecturers and administrators whose income is easily accessible. The incomes of custodians, parking officers and facilities workers are all fair game as well. Some positions pay far less than others, does the public care what a landscaper at Sac State takes home?

Usually only worthless scumbags, like the IRS or journalists, will take the time to look up the contract of a university president or department chair and use it against the individual.

But this is the 21st century, and identity theft is a crime growing at an exponential rate. Should there be a restriction to accessing information this sensitive on the Internet?

The answer is a difficult one, and both arguments are valid. On one hand, the public has a right to know who and what its taxes are spent on. Adversely, not many people would enjoy having the amount of money they take home every year available to anyone who was bored enough to look for it. Life is not fair, and a couple thousand employees at Sac State can attest to that.

The Hornet greatly appreciates the database that contains the yearly salaries of all state workers of California, because it helps us track down information vital to stories about our budget and deficit. However, this transparency is not fair for everyone. The workers on the lower end of the totem pole do not deserve to have their income posted across the Internet. It is not newsworthy and there is limited public interest in their income. The FOIA is a useful and necessary tool, but it is not without its price.

HornetOpinion

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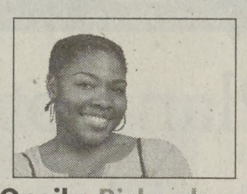
Opinion Podcast

Look for the new opinion podcast, "I'm right and you're wrong" online this week. Hornet staff writers Fernando Gallo, Victor Nieto and Jordan Guinn debate topical issues from dirty politicians to children drowning in sand.

Corrections

Did we screw something up? Let us know our errors, blunders and mixups at opinion@statehornet.com. Even though we rarely make mistakes, we look forward to hearing from you.

Meth and X: lethal new drug



Oneika Richardson

In recent months, I have become somewhat obsessed with drug culture.

Don't ask me why but weed, heroin and cocaine use comes up at least once a week during the conversations I have with my friends.

Now we will have one more drug to add to the bunch.

An extreme form of Ecstasy has hit the market and is quickly gaining popularity, especially among people in their teens and 20s.

Extreme 'X', as it is being called, is laced with methamphetamines or "crystal meth". The highly-addictive combination of the drug can produce severe side effects such as sharp increases in body temperature, hypothermia, irregular heartbeats, and even in some cases death.

Being a relative rookie when it comes to drugs, I couldn't bring myself to take part in a fad drug that may lead to death.

Old-school ecstacy was pretty big at my high school and I'd be lying if I said I hadn't thought of trying it.

That quickly went out the window when reports began hitting the news of teens dying after only using ecstasy one time.

That scared the hell out of me! You mean to tell me that this drug can kill me after just one use?

Not that there is a drug for me out there, but if ever there were one, ecstasy would not be it.

The combination of "meth" and ecstasy is also known to have harsh effects on the brain.

At the risk of trivializing the situation, aren't teenagers stupid enough these days? Why do they feel the need to further that with the use of Extreme 'X'?

CNN.com states that the chemicals for the drugs are being smuggled into Canada by Asian-organized-crime groups and the pills are being smuggled into the United States. I guess the U.S. government can't catch everything…

It's safe to say that the U.S. is slowly but surely cultivating a drug culture and it's dangerous in terms of the human race's survival.

What's more is that many of the dealers aren't informing their "customers" of the change.

They're trying to pass this Extreme 'X' off as regular ecstasy. If ecstasy were my drug of choice (God, help me) I would hope that my dealer would be trustworthy enough to let me know that what I was purchasing isn't pure.

That previous sentence just proves how much of a rookie I am because using "trustworthy" and "drug dealer" in the same sentence is truly mind boggling, but I digress.

According to Detnews.com, "Extreme 'X's" comeback has much to do with the repackaging that is trying to glamorize it.

I can't quite come to terms with the glamorous side of voluntarily putting holes in ones brain as if to say, "Brain damage is the new black."

In terms of drugs, I've been known to be something of a goody-two-shoes. I'd rather stick to my light alcohol drinking while all the "cool kids" are knowingly giving themselves irreversible brain damage with this deadly mix.

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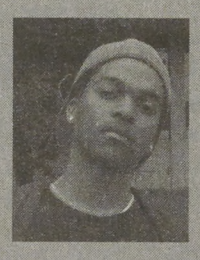
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Photos and question by **Jake Corbin**



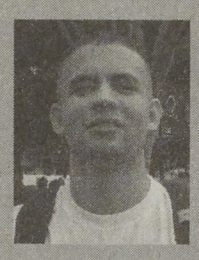
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NICOLAS MURPHY
business major



"Ya-did-mean...it's pronounced all toghether, it's in one - that's my personality; it's just crazy.

ALEX WEBB
business major



"Piss. Most people say 'peace' when they hang up the phone but I say 'piss.'"

NANDO ACCOOE
criminal justice major



"Tig-ol'-bitties, because that's what I am; that's what they called me in high school.

LILIYA YAKIMCHUK
sociology major

Dirty politics, past present and future



Victor Nieto

The political process can be a wonderful thing at times, exposing us to diplomatic debate, progressive ideals, visions of value-based reform or a continuation of those values and my personal favorite - the art of dirty politics.

One of my favorite examples of dirty politics comes from the 1950s Senate race in Florida between George Mathers and Claude Peppers. Mather's speech in no way lied about his opponent but associated familiar sounding words with those frowned upon, thus allowing the audience's interpretation to set false impressions.

In that speech he said that his opponent's sister was a "well-known thespian," that his brother was a practicing "homosapien" and that Peppers himself "masticated daily." However, in the eyes of the voters, a vote for Peppers was a vote for lesbians, gays and open masturbation, which in turn contributed to Mather's victory.

What about the 2000 Republican primary in South Carolina where the whisper campaign of Gov. George W. Bush revealed that his rival Sen. John McCain had a black child out of wedlock? That move was just enough to overcome McCain's lead and help propel Bush to the nomination in the Christian and heavily populated white, Republican base of South Carolina and eventually the presidency.

I hated the results of this dirty move, but on all accounts it was quite brilliant. This is because the message was simplistic yet strident. Indeed McCain has an adopted daughter from Bangladesh, but that wasn't disclosed beforehand. In truth, he did not marry his adopted daughter's mother and the color of her skin is not white.

Now our attention turns toward Sen. Hillary Clinton. Even before she formally announced her candidacy, the then-presumptive front-runner for the Democratic nomination was bombarded by insults. She was deemed a "polarizing character," and compared to the devil by opinion hacks such as Anne Coultier.

The attacks seem to be running nonstop and still continue today, but I think the bigger question in all of this is why her and not the freshman senator from Illinois?

It's because she's the real threat to the conservative nation.

I have all the respect in the world for Sen. Barrack Obama but I truly believe that he would be better suited to lead this country with more congressional experience, diplomatic foreign affairs trips and bi-partisan deals first (and don't give me that JFK thing - 'Bay of Pigs' occurred too).

The whole concept of the conservative right rallying against Hillary Clinton if she were to win the Democratic nomination applies to Obama as well. Based on his voting record in Congress, Obama was the most liberal Democrat in the Senate. If you think that won't be a factor in the general election, grow up.

People pay attention to statistics such as blacks voting eight out of 10 for Obama in South Carolina and nine out of 10 for him in Mississippi primaries, and if they don't, the media and public relations machines will. On paper it doesn't look like an ideals thing, but a race thing, and in "swing-states" this will become a factor.

The right-wing people are going to get their man and if the Texas and Ohio primaries are any indication that people will feel more comfortable with Clinton answering the 3 a.m. red telephone call than Obama then it appears the conservative strategy to keep a Republican in the White House is working.

However, the Republicans haven't been the greatest decisionmakers as of late and it may turn out that getting Obama as the Democratic nominee may be subversive to their efforts. It's just that way with dirty politics. Sometimes it's helpful, sometimes it's harmful, but it's always attached with a "buyers beware" sign.

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"The lack of smoke detectors on campus should cause us all to be alarmed."

Faulty alarms are better than none at all



Sarah Kay Hannon

Chances are that anyone who was in the University Union on Saturday around 2 p.m. was caught off-guard when they were evacuated from the building. Firefighters had arrived on the scene and, after a thorough search of the building, concluded that a faulty smoke alarm was the culprit behind the chaos. Life stood still as a crowd of around 150 waited in front of the bookstore wondering what was happening inside the Union. Nobody seemed to know what to make of the whole ordeal and confusion was in the air. Only after the firefighters were headed back to their vehicles, which included a fire truck and two SUVs, were people allowed back into the building. Yet, about 10 minutes after everything appeared to be back to normal, the smoke alarm started up again. This time it was ignored.

This is not the first time in my four semesters of attending Sacramento State that a faulty smoke alarm has gone off. Actually, I have lost count. It happens so often that my hearing has started to adapt to the punchy buzzing sound and smoke alarms are starting to be put on the back-burner. As a result, I tend to go about my business - sometimes not thinking twice about the noise. I do feel safer in the Union than I do in some of the other buildings on campus though; I would rather have a faulty alarm than none at all.

Some of the buildings do not meet the standard when it comes to having smoke alarms in every room. Surprisingly, Tahoe, Alpine and Brighton Halls don't have alarms at all. This is when I don't feel safe! These three buildings are made of steel and concrete, which would make them difficult to burn. However, though the buildings might withstand flames, smoke inhalation is just as dangerous to the building occupants. Just the thought of never even knowing if there is a fire a couple of classrooms down due to the lack of maintenance scares me half to death.

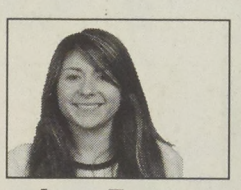
It also didn't occur to me until the other day that I would have no idea where to go or what to do if a fire or another disaster took place here on campus. This left an uneasy feeling in my stomach. We should be able to roam around without worry in our minds. We definitely need to be cautious about our surroundings, but not worry. Something needs to be done before an actual disaster takes place, especially one that could be prevented.

This is the first time that I have witnessed an evacuation and I'm glad to see that one took place. It might be an annoying process to have a building be evacuated every time the faulty alarm decides to be the center of attention, but when it comes down to it, it's better being safe than sorry.

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Cesar Chavez's birthday should be a national holiday



Anna Torres

Living in California I have the opportunity to celebrate Cesar Chavez - a man who fought for social justice and civil rights for thousands who have faced discrimination and unfair treatment. He served to help all immigrants and farm workers across America, so why should his life only be celebrated and recognized by California? Why can't he be recognized nationally for his passion for social justice?

Coming from a Hispanic/Mexican-American family, many of the privileges I now have are owed to Chavez.

My grandfather came from a family of Spaniards who settled in the Southwest state of New Mexico before it was part of the United States. When he came to Sacramento, he faced the social discrimination present at that time. He even had to change his last name once from Torres to Jones to hide his ethnicity so that landlords would allow him to rent from them.

Working in the tomato fields here in Sacramento, he also supported Chavez's movement to establish better working conditions for migrant workers. When marches and protests were held in Sacramento, he would take my father with him to support Chavez.

Chavez was born in Yuma, Ariz., in 1929; he then moved to California with his family in 1938. Moving back and forth between Arizona and California, his family finally resided in San Jose. While living in California, he was a migrant worker working in the fields of Gonzales, Oxnard, Brawley, Atascadero, King City, Delano, Salinas, McFarland, Wasco, Mendota, Kingsburg and Selma.

Working in the fields of California, Chavez saw the inhumane conditions migrant workers faced, such as unbearable heat, pesticides and intolerable work hours. However, because of the discrimination Hispanics faced in the U.S., it went unrecognized.

He fought not only to bring safe working conditions to migrant workers in California but also across the nation, in states like Texas, Florida and parts of the Midwest.

With his activism to promote change, he became a leader organizing activists, students and religious leaders to help nonviolently with strikes and boycotts in order to demand justice. Gaining the support of Americans across the nation, he succeeded in establishing the United Farm Workers union in 1969.

The union was created to help establish policies that would nationally bring better working conditions and treatment of migrant workers. PBS's article "The Fight In The Fields: Cesar Chavez And The Farm Worker's Struggle" said "Over the years the (United Farm Workers) would become a significant political force, demonstrating that Mexican-Americans could and would participate in electoral politics when their concerns were at stake."

Today, the union promotes legislation dealing with issues ranging from education to labor conditions and bringing justice to migrant workers and their families. Currently the union is fighting against prohibiting the use of pesticides like Endosulfan, which "has been linked to dozens of accidental deaths."

When I think of a migrant worker in this country, I think of my grandparents who, like Chavez, were all legal citizens and residents of the U.S. working and struggling to support their children and give them better opportunities to succeed. Chavez's determination for social justice in California and his contribution toward civil rights qualifies him to have a day in which the country can recognize all that he has done.

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Students uninterested in health and safety, but what else is new?



Jordan Guinn

Safe sex, drunk driving and the sugar content of popular beverages were just a few of the topics that were discussed on Monday as part of the "Safe Spring Break" event hosted by the Student Health Center on Monday. The turnout was dismal and disappointing, and the volunteers deserved more recognition for their hard work.

The Union is a notoriously busy building on campus but the turnout for the day's events was uninspiring at best. It lasted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. but tables containing information were being broken down by 1:30. The students working the booths may not have said so, but there was palpable disappointment inside the room.

The main attraction of the day, a DUI simulator, was housed inside the University Ballroom. It's an automobile with a virtual reality headset, or "beer goggles" as I call them, connected to it. The driver would operate the pedals and steering wheel as normal and the headset required the driver to look around as if they were actually operating the vehicle.

Josiah Hull would operate a laptop that would adjust the simulator based on the blood alcohol level. His main point to participants was, "If you have money to go to the bar you have money to spend on a cab." The simulation begins with a test run while the participant is categorized as "sober." I smashed into a car in front of me while doing 80, and it was all downhill from there. The simulation then put me at .08, the legal limit, and I started swerving and blew through a few red lights. At .16 I clipped a pedestrian, but he was jaywalking, so I didn't feel guilty. Then they upped the blood alcohol level to .50, at which point I would be urinating Everclear. I couldn't keep the car on the road and I was passing semis on the right side.

I couldn't keep a straight face throughout the simulation, but that's the idea; It was supposed to be a fun event for students. In a simulation no one cares if you mow down pedestrians or t-bone a minivan packed with kids. Reality is not so forgiving. To drive that point home, a television next to the simulator was playing the HBO show "Smashed" which graphically depicts the aftermath of drunk driving. One scene showed a patient getting fluid drained from his brain. After seeing that clip, I decided to save the free pizza coupon I got for participating until later.

Whether it's while you're bar-hopping, making a beer run or taking a trip to Jack in the Box at 3 a.m., drunk driving happens more often than most of us care to admit. Some think that drinking and driving actually helps their concentration, others just think that they are not going to get pulled over. Then when it happens, they get enraged and act like some mistake has been made.

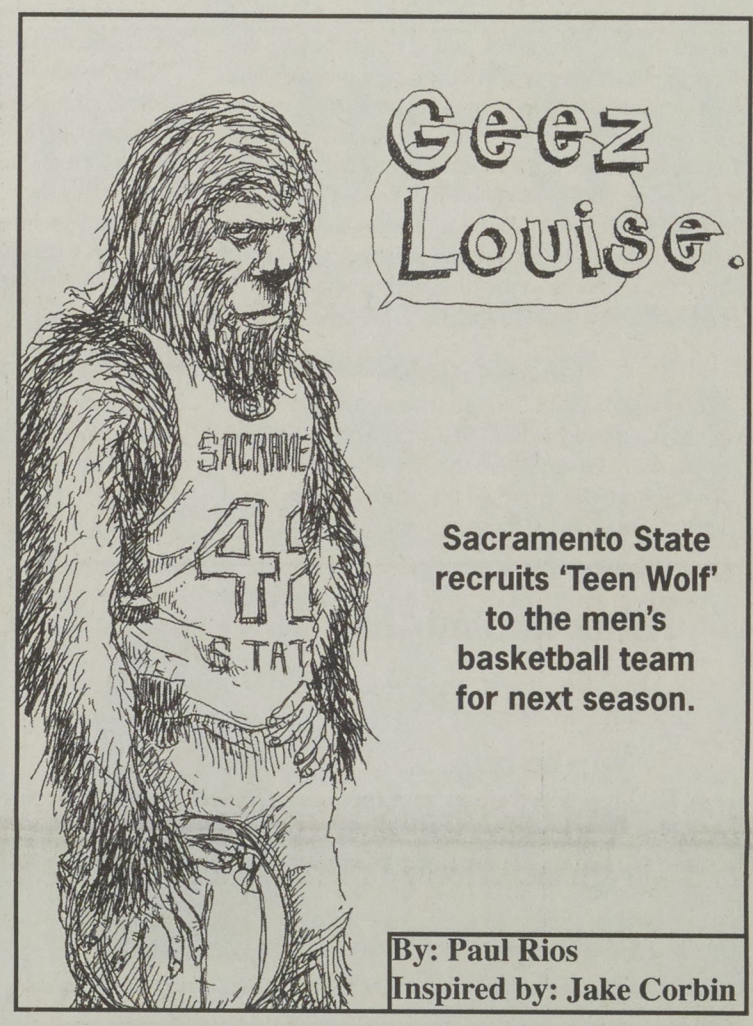
Health educator Cyndra Krogen said that she would have liked to see a larger turnout, but she gave several possibilities for why so few students stopped by. "It is a beautiful day, students may not have even come to campus today." Krogen added that hosting the event on St. Patrick's Day, a day widely-recognized as a holiday for drinking and debauchery, was no coincidence. "We want to warn students about the dangers of drinking and driving. We know people are going to drink, we just want them to be responsible." Krogen added that the event has been hosted in the Library quad in past years, but the addition of the DUI simulator encouraged them to move indoors. She added that she would have liked to place an advertisement in the Hornet, but it was too expensive.

The Hornet dropped the ball by not writing a preview of the event for the last issue. However, we will cover the upcoming "Quit and Win" health expo that will take place in April.

Tom Shepard said about the lack of student involvement at the event, "As long as we convince one person to be safe, we did our job." He is right and has a better outlook on life than I do, but who doesn't? Shepard and the other student volunteers poured countless hours of their time into making this free event possible, and few seemed to care. This event wasn't a scare tactic, guilt trip or publicity stunt. It was an effort by concerned students to make sure all Sac State students came back safely from Spring Break.

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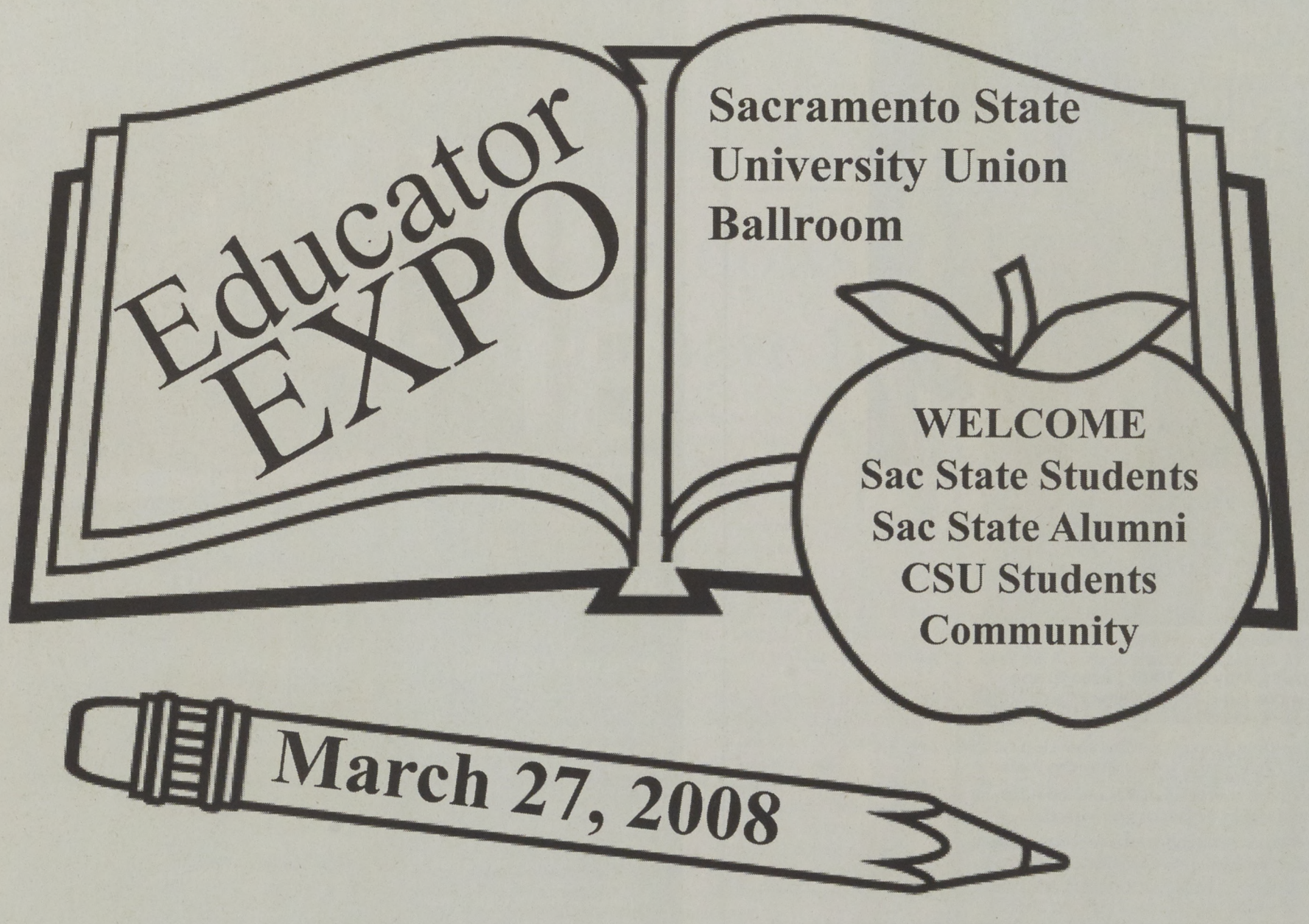
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"It's so difficult; it so did not need to happen,"

Jean Marie Gorman,
Sekul family friend, speaking about the crash

DUI: Campus reaches out with programs



Claire Padgett State Hornet

Senior Mike Severi, Desiree Dill, and senior Elizabeth Salinas sit on the couch talking to other members of their fraternity Lambda Alpha Epsilon-Sigma Chi. They wait in the KSSU Radio Station for calls to pick up those in need of a designated driver Saturday.

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county jail, just one day after formal charges were handed down.

Basinger agreed to talk to The State Hornet on the condition that he would not discuss the incident, or what led up to it.

Looking restless, Basinger avoided eye contact throughout the 15-minute interview.

"I really wanted to go back to school because I wanted an education so I could get a better job," he said, stringing together his longest sentence - a stark contrast from his curtness throughout the interview.

Basinger went back to school because he simply wanted higher education and a better-paying job. With the likelihood of a firm conviction before him, Basinger's familiar aspirations are potentially erased.

Sacramento Police Sgt. Matt Young said investigators could not release information regarding Basinger's blood alcohol content or other factors which may have led to the crash. Young said aspects of the incident led officials to believe the Basinger was indeed under the influence at the time of the collision.

His next court date is April 1.

Mourners gather

Friday night, about 200 mourners attended Sekul's vigil at the Sacred Heart Parish Church on J Street, just blocks from the where the crash occurred.

Standing at the front of the church, teary eyed, Claire Sekul, Mary's daughter, greeted family and friends.

"Thank you for coming," she said.

Jean Marie Gorman, a close family friend in attendance, said she was still reeling from the poignant news that Sekul died.

Gorman's friendship with Mary lasted more than 25 years. And her friendship with the family will continue. Meanwhile, Gorman said, the family continues to cope with the painful shake-up resulting from Mary's death.

"It's so difficult; it so did not need to happen," Gorman said in a telephone interview just hours before Sekul's memorial service Friday.

"They're still in shock," she said.

Sekul's family includes her sister, Anne Sekul, and daughter, Claire, both of Sacramento.

For Gorman, no imaginable atonement can be made - not now.

"It's hard to imagine (anything positive)," she said. "My heart goes out to the young man and the family. Not only did he kill Mary, but he's ruined his own life."

Campus reaches out

Saturday night, while loads of students made good on their St. Patrick's Day plans, a group of 12 students gathered in the University Union. The group is well aware of the dire consequence of drinking and driving.

That night, two fraternities, Lambda Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Pi, hosted Safe Rides. It's a free, student-run service that provides transportation for students, faculty and staff who feel unsafe to drive – especially if they have had too much to drink.

The program, sponsored by Associated Students Inc., is offered Thursday through Saturday. Its number is 1-800-GO-4-CSUS.

Criminal justice major Jim DeCoite said when students become self-checkers of their alcohol content, they might go through a misleading process.

"You can still kind of focus, but not really," he said. "You really can't drive buzzed – it's worthless."

DeCoite said he has come full circle with Safe Rides – calling upon it for assistance when he needed a ride a few years ago. He now volunteers.

Nick Beard, another volunteer, doesn't know why more students don't take advantage of Safe Rides.

"Some of them are embarrassed," he said. "Some of them have pride that they want to keep. They think 'I'm a tough guy, it's fine. I can go (drive).'"

Sac State health educator Cyndra Krogan's frustration is palpable – she said she doesn't have the perfect formula to convince students to avoid drinking and driving.

"I wish we had loads of students here," she said, referring to Monday's Safe Spring Break event, sponsored by Peer Health Educators.

The event included a DUI simulator that used a real car and computer imaging to mimic drinking and driving. About 30 students tested their abilities while "intoxicated."

Krogan said she is doing her best to raise awareness – with freshman seminars, lectures and events throughout the semester – yet she is still puzzled.

Students still make the mistake of getting behind the wheel while inebriated, she said.

She said she has helped five students who got DUIs this semester.

Intervention is a tool used by Krogan. If a student gets a DUI and is a part of a campus organization, he or she might be asked to seek help in the form of a three-session intervention program, she said.

Steps one through three include an assessment of drinking habits, reflection on why the decision was made, discussion of values, career goals and a plan to avoid a future downfall.

"We are not doing a good job when we point fingers," Krogan said about her approach. Krogan is doing her part, and wants to figure out why younger people make rash and sometimes deadly decisions.

"A lot of times we don't have the capacity to say 'this can happen to me,'" she said, referring to the possibility of a tragedy.

"Something has to happen for us to do something – that's the unfortunate thing," Beard said.

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Terry Wanless, director of athletics, takes a moment to deal with business at the Sacramento Softball Complex.

Sacramento State Athletic Director Terry Wanless was named as one of five finalists for the athletic director position at Eastern Illinois University

BY JUSTIN TEJADA
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n February, Eastern Illinois University announced the five finalists the campus' Athletic Director Search Committee would be screening in order to pick the final candidate for the vacant athletic director seat.

The finalists who were chosen are: Jean Berger (Drake University Associate Athletic Director), Barbara Burke (University of Wyoming Deputy Athletic Director), Bruce Van De Velde (University of Missouri Director of Development), Vaughn Williams (University of Connecticut Associate Athletic Director of Facilities Management and Planning), And Sacramento State Athletic Director Terry Wanless.

Wanless has served as Sacramento State's athletic director for over six years and has been responsible for advancing programs aimed towards the student-athlete. Programs such as the athletic department's Life Skills program, which has opened up a number of new scholarships, academic counseling, and tutoring options for student-athletes, and his creation of the Athletics Director's Academic Achievement Award have provided incentives for student-athletes to maintain and increase their grades.

Wanless said he also espoused the idea of further cooperation between the athletics department and the rest of the student faculty, to create more opportunities such as the student passed 2004 referendum, which added the Alex G. Spanos Sports Complex and the Recreation and Wellness Center to the plans of Destination 2010.

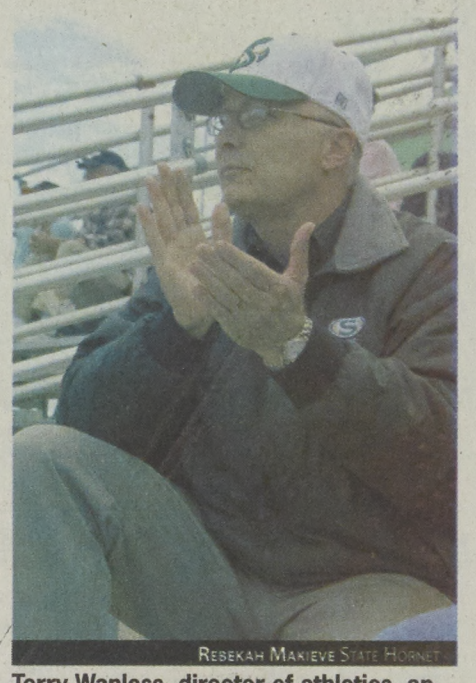
"It takes something special to want to leave what I have here," Wanless said.

Wanless said he applied at Eastern upon the recommendation of his colleague and friend, Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner Dr. Jon Steinbrecher.

He said he owes the rest of his decision to apply at Eastern to the fact that working there would place him closer to his family. He has a daughter who lives in Lexington, Ky., and a son who lives in Minneapolis, Minn., both of whom are within reach of a full day's drive from Eastern.

"Once you get older, you start to look at things like this,"

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REBEKAH MAKIEVE STATE HORNET

Terry Wanless, director of athletics, applauds the Sac State softball team as it goes against Princeton on Friday.

JENKINS OUT, WHO WILL BE IN?



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Jerome Jenkins' contract was not extended for Sac State's men's basketball coaching positionfff on March 7

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For eight years Sacramento State students have seen a familiar face patrolling the sidelines during men's basketball games in the Hornets Nest: that of coach Jerome Jenkins. But when the basketball squad returns to action next season, there will be a new face leading the Hornets out onto the hardwood.

Sac State Athletic Director Terry Wanless decided not to renew Jenkins' expiring contract on March 7, ending the coach's tenure with the university.

"It just became evident to me that our program had kind of stalled out," Wanless said. "I just didn't feel, based upon our current success level, that we could move the program forward the way I feel it should."

Last season Jenkins led the team to a 4-24 record (2-14 in conference), notching his lowest overall win total as Sac State's head coach and matching his worst conference record. The Hornets also failed to qualify for the Big Sky Conference Tournament for the second straight year.

Despite the lopsided win-loss record, freshman guard Vinnie McGhee said he was not expecting the change.

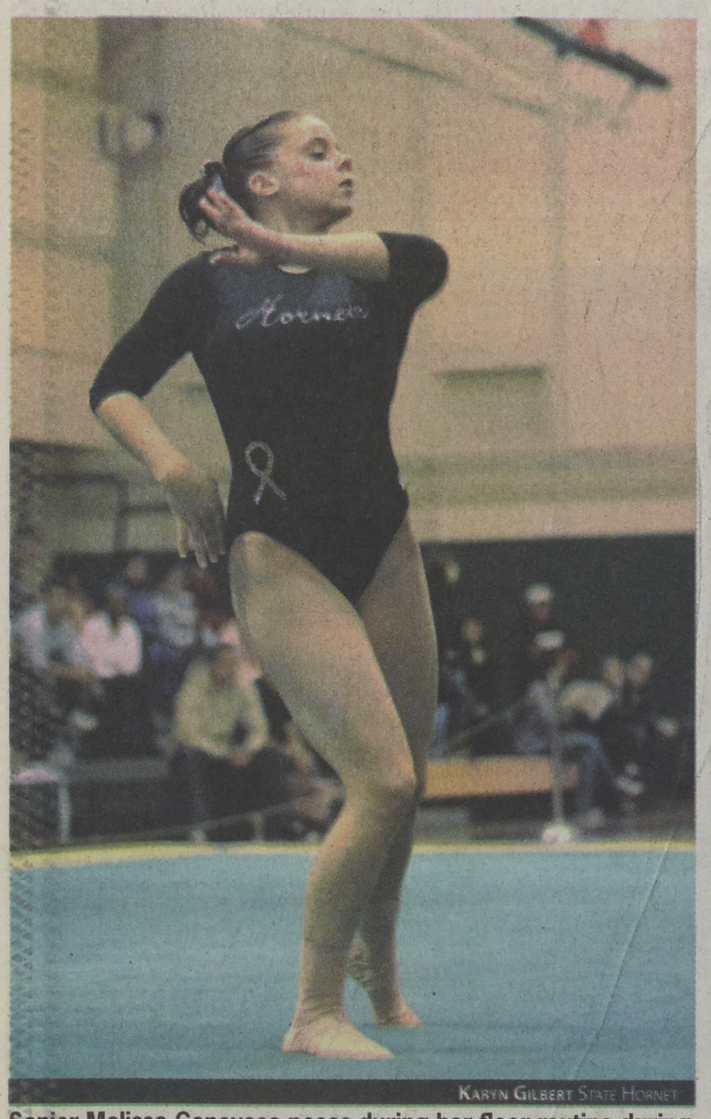
"(Jenkins) was actually getting ready for next season," McGhee said via telephone. "We had talks about what we're going to do next season, about who he was going to bring in and stuff like that. So I was surprised that they let him go."

Junior forward Loren Leath said over the phone that the move did not come as much of a shock to him.

"I knew that it was the last year of his contract and we didn't do too good," Leath said. "I mean, it was kind of a given."

Even though it was the last year of Jenkins' contract, Wanless said a decision wasn't made on Jenkins' future until after the season ended on March 2.

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KABYN GILBERT STATE HORNET

Senior Melissa Genovese poses during her floor routine during the 194.675-193.300 victory over Southern Utah on Feb. 15.

Senior knows how to have fun

GYMNASTICS

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Senior gymnast Melissa Genovese likes to have fun inside the gym and out. The El Dorado Hills native is committed to having a good time no matter what activity she is doing.

A self-proclaimed fun-loving person, Genovese enjoys a variety of activities when she is not competing in gymnastics.

Standing 5 feet tall, Genovese doesn't let her height bring her down when it comes to athletics.

"I love shopping, like any other girl, and I like other sports also. I like playing volleyball and even football," Genovese said.

Another activity that Genovese really enjoys is traveling. The gymnast has been overseas and would like to return there whenever possible.

"I've been to Europe and I want to go back there. I've never been to New York so I would like to go there," she said.

Student-athletes are required to balance schoolwork, practice and a social life. Coach Kim Hughes already believes Genovese is an excellent student so she only has to worry about practice and fun.

Genovese said she is able to balance focusing on athletics and having fun without compromising either.

"I love to have fun, but I'm really focused. I think it's important to focus on one thing at a time on each event," Genovese said.

Fellow senior and co-captain Nicole Giao considers Genovese to be a leader among the team.

Giao feels Genovese is worthy of having the captain title, which the senior has held since her sophomore year.

"She definitely leads by example," Giao said.

Genovese's easy going personality shines in Giao's description of her

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Freshman Nicole Jackson, a member of track and field, leaps over the hurdle at practice on March 12 in the Hornet Stadium.

Sac State hosts Hornet Invite

BY DAVID GREEN
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The Sacramento State Hornets track and field team opens up its first competition at home, trying to bring another championship to the nest. Though the seasons are different from indoor to outdoor, the team is confident with the advantage of practicing solely on an outdoor track.

"Of course we are always looking to do well at our home competition and home track," track and field coach Kathleen Raske said.

In the outdoor season new events are introduced like the Hammer, Javelin, steeple chase, 400 meter hurdles and the 4x100 meter relay, which was not run in the indoor season.

The Sac State track and field team is also picking up runners for these

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Track & Field (M)
Results in next week

Track & Field (W)
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Gymnastics (W)
Sac State 193.850
Placed 4th in an invite

Rowing (W)
Sac State beat won 4 of 5 races in Sac State Invite

Baseball (M)
San Jose St. 5
Sac State 4

Softball (W)
Sac State 4
N. Colorado 2

Golf (M)
Fresno St. Lexus Classic
Placed 19th of 20

Golf (W)
UNLV Rebel Classic
Placed 14th of 18

Outdoor track and field scores will begin next week.

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NCAA Tournament picks



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NORTH CAROLINA

Every year, the Final Four gets epic hype as a national pastime. People break out their brackets and spend hours picking their winners.

People also join fantasy league pools trying to earn bragging rights.

The consensus favorite is North Carolina in most polls but 2008 won't be a year for a juggernaut like North Carolina or UCLA to win.

How about Memphis as the favorite? It has never won before but is top five in most polls right now.

This prediction isn't like Jimmy Kimmel's Upset Special version of the Final Four. Memphis really has a chance even though it'd be its first title ever.

It has balanced scoring from its starters and are led by junior guard Chris Douglas-Roberts and his 17.3 points per game.

The Tigers have strong defense, especially rebounding from senior forward/center Joey Dorsey, who owns the key at 265 lbs and averages over 10 rebounds per game.

While the team's record of 33-1 is the most impressive credential it takes into the Final Four, the Tigers had high expectations before the season even started.

The last two years, the Tigers have lost in the regional finals and they're due to break through that barrier.

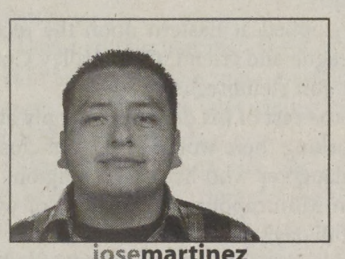
In the regular season they dominated the Conference USA and the one loss came against Tennessee (29-4) who isn't exactly a bottom dweller.

The Tigers open tournament play against UT Arlington, which should be a cakewalk into the second round.

Assuming they beat UT Arlington, they will play either Mississippi State or Oregon. Assuming they win in the second round, they could possibly face Michigan State or Pittsburgh, both powerhouses, in the Regionals.

If they make it to the National Semifinals they could end up facing Stanford or Texas.

Bottom line, the Tigers should not be underestimated this year and the team seems to be getting plenty of respect in the media but North Carolina will likely be the favorite in most polls.



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UCLA

It's finally time to go dancing. Well, not really, but it is time for March Madness.

Will there be another George Mason, a Cinderella team coming out of nowhere to shock the college basketball world?

Hopefully. Watching teams from mid-major conferences shock hoops fans all over the America is the main reason I enjoy watching.

This year's Cinderella story might possibly come out of the West regional. Drake University, out of the Missouri Valley Conference, is currently ranked No. 16 by the associated press.

In the opening round, Drake takes on another mid-major, Western Kentucky University out of the Sun Belt Conference. If it rolls over W. Kentucky it will likely take on the University of Connecticut, where it will have a tough task getting by the No. 15 ranked Huskies.

Drake is led by guard Josh Young, who is averaging 16 points per game and shooting 45 percent behind the three-point line. If he gets room there is no doubt he can be a thorn in the behind of schools coming out highly-touted conferences.

Whenever there is a Cinderella story the clock must always strike 12, and for Drake the clock will strike when it will likely take on UCLA in the round of 16. Led by center Kevin Love and guard Darren Collison, the Bruins are sure to end the run of Drake.

UCLA has the tough task of taking on Duke University barring a monumental disaster by both teams in the elite eight. But again, the tandem of Love and Collison might be too much for DeMarcus Nelson and Greg Paulus of Duke.

In the Midwest Regional, the interesting matchup will be in the opening round as the University of Southern California takes on Kansas State University. The Trojans are led by O.J. Mayo, who is currently averaging more than 20 points per game. The Wildcats will counter with a star of its own in Michael Beasley, who's averaging more than 25 points per game.

Kansas University is going to be too much for the rest of the teams in the Midwest advancing to the Final Four. The Jayhawks have won 12 of the last 15 games heading into the NCAA championship tournament.

The East Regional is likely to be the toughest of the four. University of Tennessee is my pick to reach the Final Four. The Vols will likely take on North Carolina in the elite eight, but nothing is certain because last year's Cinderella, George Mason, is also in this regional.

Losing Kevin Durant to the NBA didn't hurt too much for the University of Texas as it is seeded second in the South Regional. It isn't likely to have a tough game until the sweet 16 when it will possibly face Stanford University. The Longhorns will ride on to the Final Four out of this regional.

To recap, my final four are UCLA, Kansas, Tennessee and Texas. My pick to win it all: UCLA.



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TENNESSEE

Call me a sucker for the Disney classics but I've always loved watching the story of Cinderella. Rooting for the underdog and watching the success story of something that's been beat up, stepped on, and spit on rise up and claim victory for once just brings warmth to my very soul. Maybe that kind of explains the strong favoritism I get this year towards the Tennessee Volunteers and why I think they're going to go all the way to the Final Four and beyond. Let's start with some of the changes they've made this season. The biggest one is that they actually took home a Southeastern Conference regular-season title. That victory was nearly 41 years in the making, but they finally got that in their victory over South Carolina last Sunday. - DATE And yes, you read that right: 41 years. Not since 1967 has the team brought back home that title. That's a big sign right there that shows that the team has seen a major turnaround - something that can be contributed largely in part by head coach Bruce Pearl, who is now 3-for-3 in guiding them to a spot during March Madness. The conditions are now right: Pearl's outstanding defense skills in deploying the press coupled with the Southeastern Conference's highest scoring team is a deadly combination. They broke one jinx in taking back home the regular-season title. The only "Big If" here is if the team can break their jinx of getting knocked out in the opening rounds of the tournament.

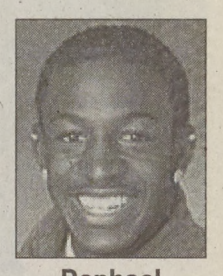
SPORTS BRIEFS

Five of six Sac State boats come out victorious

The varsity eight (7:01.8), second varsity eight (7:04.7), novice eight (7:39.7), varsity four A (7:56.6) and varsity four B (8:04.2) won their races in the Sacramento State Rowing Invitational on Saturday at Lake Natoma.

The Novice four (8:47.6) finished in third place.

McFarlane earns honor at NCAA Championships



Raphael McFarlane

Senior Raphael McFarlane earned an All-American honor in the long jump with a mark of 24-09.75 at the NCAA D-I Indoor Track and Field Championships on Friday. He placed 13th overall.

Senior Daniel Imlach also competed in the championships in the pole vault event, where he cleared 17-00.72 and placed in a five-way tie for 10th place.

Three-day series reduced to two

The three-game baseball series between the Sacramento State Hornets and Gonzaga Bulldogs will be reduced to three games over two days. Friday's games will be at 2 p.m. and Saturday will feature of double-header beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Men's golf places 19th in Fresno

The Hornets competed in the Fresno State Lexus Golf Classic where the team took 19th place out of 20 teams with a score of 891 on March 11. San Diego State finished on top shooting 841.

Jeremy Harris shot a 216, Cody Miller shot a 222, Grant Norton shot a 228, Scott DeBorba shot a 229 and Kyle Candlish sot a 232.

Women's golf places 14th at UNLV

Sac State competed in the UNLV Spring Rebel Invitational on March 12 and placed 14th out of 18 teams with a 902. BYU and Washington State tied for first place with a score of 859. Washington State won on a tiebreaker.

Samantha Safford topped the Hornets with a 222. Brooke Green and Heather LeMaster shot a 227, Kim Coppin shot a 239 and Emily Longcrier shot a 239.

Gymnastics post season-high road score

The Hornets raised their Regional Qualifying Score when they traded in a road score of 191.450 with a 193.850 in the Salbasgeon Suites Invitational on Sunday at Oregon State.

No. 8 Oregon State (197.200) took first place, No. 19 Boise State (196.575) finished second and No. 14 Missouri (195.325) placed third.

- Karyn Gilbert

TENNIS

No seniors, no problem

TENNIS

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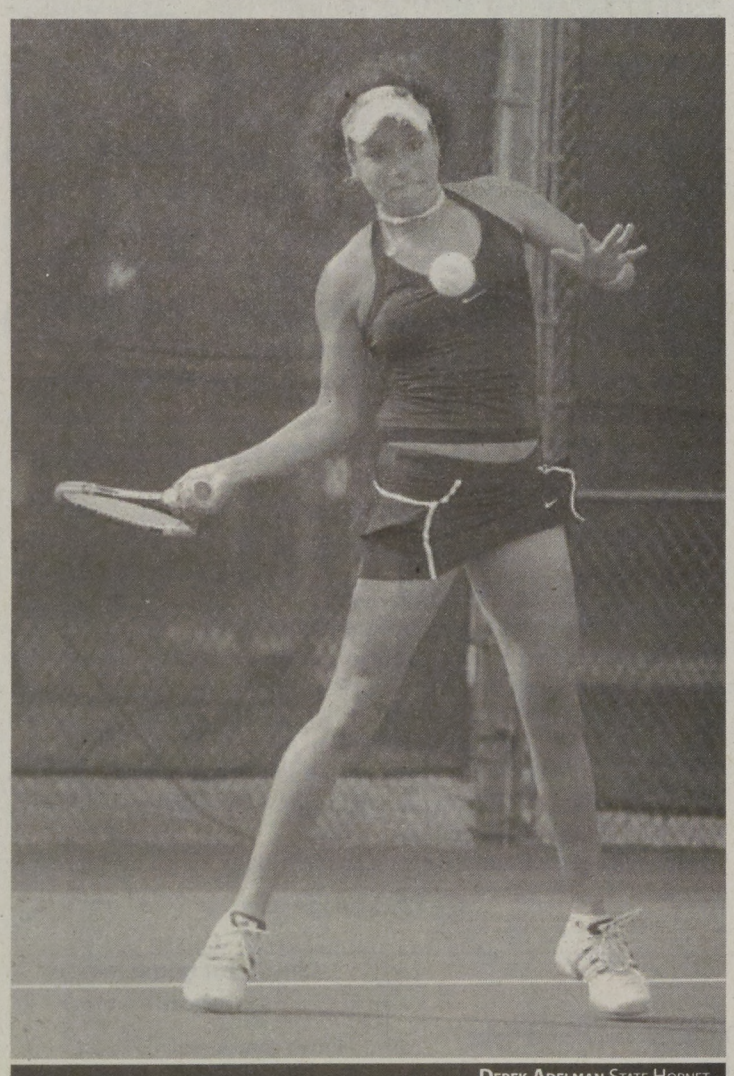
Neither the men's nor the women's tennis teams have a senior player on its roster, but the tennis court experience and maturity don't normally come from being a fourth-year student.

Most of the tennis players at Sacramento State are foreign players and it requires maturity for a young adult to move to a country away from his or her family.

"You've got to remember, in tennis you have to take the history of these kids and a lot of them have been playing competitive tennis since they were 10 years old. Some of them have played over 30 tournaments a year and they know what they're doing," Director of Tennis Bill Campbell said.

Recruiting is a difficult process because there is always a limited number of roster spots and scholarships available.

Injuries also occur and other aspects of life can impede on a collegian's tennis career.



Derek Adelman State Hornet

Joyce Martinez Gutierrez, junior, stays focused on the ball as she swings her forehand stroke at Rio Del Oro Racquet Club.

In some cases, Campbell redshirts players for their personal sake and for the sake of the team. When a player is classified as a redshrit he or she will not play during the current season

"Ideally, I'd like to (use) two (freshmen), two (sophomores), two (juniors) and two (seniors) but it never happens that way," Campbell said.

Currently, the women's team has one freshman, two sophomores, four juniors and one redshirt. The men's team has three freshmen, two sophomores, one junior and two redshirts.

Co-captains of the women's team are juniors Joyce Martinez Gutierrez and Luba Schifris.

They are both in their second terms as captains and Campbell thinks they've exhibited great leadership qualities since they arrived at Sac State.

"Luba and Joyce are captains their second year now and even their freshman years you saw them developing as leaders," Campbell said.

The men's team is even younger overall than the women's team and the co-captains are sophomore Anton Stryhas and junior Sven-David Rueff.

Choosing captains requires an observation of which players are mostly looked up to for leadership.

"The captains are the ones the teams look up to for leadership and you notice that pretty quick," Campbell said.

Because nearly every player has international tournament experience they all qualify as "seasoned" since they've tested the waters of competition all over the world.

"I think, in general, anytime you have senior they are a little bit better because they're more mature but it depends so much on the individual," Campbell said.

Campbell says it is definitely an advantage to have seniors on the team, but that it is not vital for success.

Freshman Kiryl Harbatsiuk is the men's No. 1 player and is nationally ranked, so the best players aren't always seniors.

"Kiryl is one of the best players in the country and can beat anyone on any given day, but he's a very mature freshman," Campbell said. "When he's a senior he's going to be nearly unbeatable."

The teams' coaches are well respected by the players and look past age differences for leadership.

"We all like our head coach," junior Karina Jarlkaganova said.

Stryhas believes in leading by example. His nearly perfect singles record of 12-1 shows that is clearly his philosophy.

"I just try to go out and win every match," Stryhas said.

Campbell points out other countries' citizens graduate high school at different ages.

In the past, the women's team has had players from Sweden and Russia. Some of them may play at a university or club overseas before coming to the United States to play at the collegiate level.

"When recruiting foreign players, things are different because when they graduate high school in Sweden they're at least 19, maybe 20. In Russia, they're maybe 16 or 17. We've had girls from Sweden and sometimes the year they get here they're turning 21 so maturity can be a difference," Campbell said.

Maturity is not likely to be an issue if someone comes from Sweden and is turning 21 during the season as a freshman.

The last time the lady Hornets were without a senior was long enough ago that Campbell has trouble remembering.

"I think when we were 28th in the nation we didn't have a senior ... maybe one but I think I had her redshirted the year before," Campbell said.

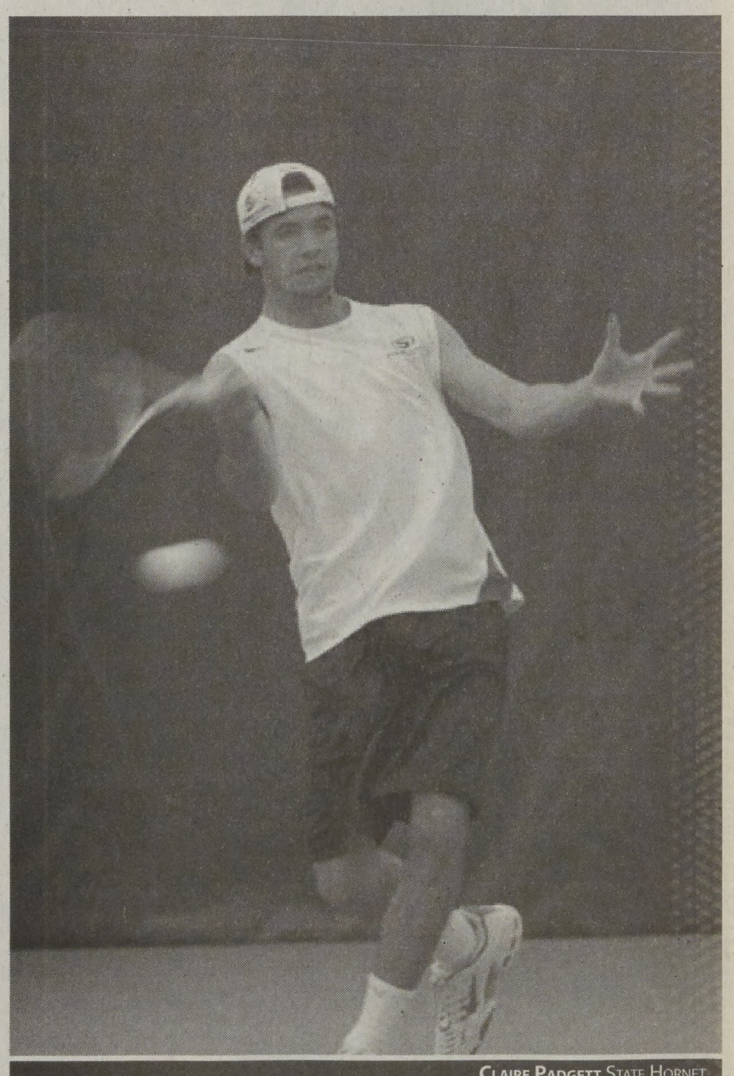
Next year the Hornets will have four seniors as long as none of the current juniors redshirt.

Two of the seniors-to-be are co-captains Martinez and Schifris, which will make for a strong foundation for the team.

The men's team will have one senior and close to Campbell's ideal make-up of approximately two players in each other year.

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Claire Padgett State Hornet

Sophomore Holden Ching returning a serve from UC Davis on Feb. 23 at Spare Time Tennis Center.

Genovese: Senior tops history

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teammate. The girls are not only teammates, but friends as well.

"She is very responsible, hardworking and a very loyal friend. She is also a little bit quirky," Giao said.

Giao also said the team should have fun no matter what they are doing. When the team traveled to San Jose during the first weekend of February for a meet, it made a stop in San Francisco for an overnight trip.

The next day the team spent the day wandering around the city of San Francisco together.

"When we were at Lauren (Dyson's) parents' house, Melissa found a pink tutu and she wore it all around San Francisco the next day. She wore it the entire day," Giao said.

Genovese's dedication to athletics has helped her excel in the sport she loves. She currently possesses a 9.880 Regional Qualifying Score on beam. The Regional Qualifying Score ranks Genovese sixth in the nation in the beam event.

"I'm really speechless. It's amazing. I didn't think I would be up there in the top 10," Genovese said.

The beginning of the season was not so bright for Genovese. In the first couple home meets, she struggled to obtain honorable beam scores.

Although Genovese is the reigning Western Athletic Conference beam champion, she was not hitting her full potential.

In the last couple weeks of league competition, Genovese has been back to her usual self, competing with a routine that placed her first in the event.

In her final home meet, Genovese broke the school record on beam obtaining a 9.950.

"I think the main thing was experience …. I just kept working on my routine and it paid off," Genovese said.

Genovese hopes her hard work will rub off on the younger group of gymnasts. She hopes to lead by example as both a teammate and a captain.

"I try to work as hard as I can and never give up. If they work hard they can do whatever they want to," Genovese said.

Hughes said Genovese's dedication makes her an ideal role model for other athletes.

"She's committed to the ideal of college athletics. She exemplifies all the qualities of what we're looking for - the academics, good attitude and a good work ethic," Hughes said.

Hughes also said Genovese is fun-loving and wants to encourage the rest of the team to adapt to her ideology.

"She wants gymnastics to be fun. She likes to have fun while she trains - she likes to kid around," Hughes said.

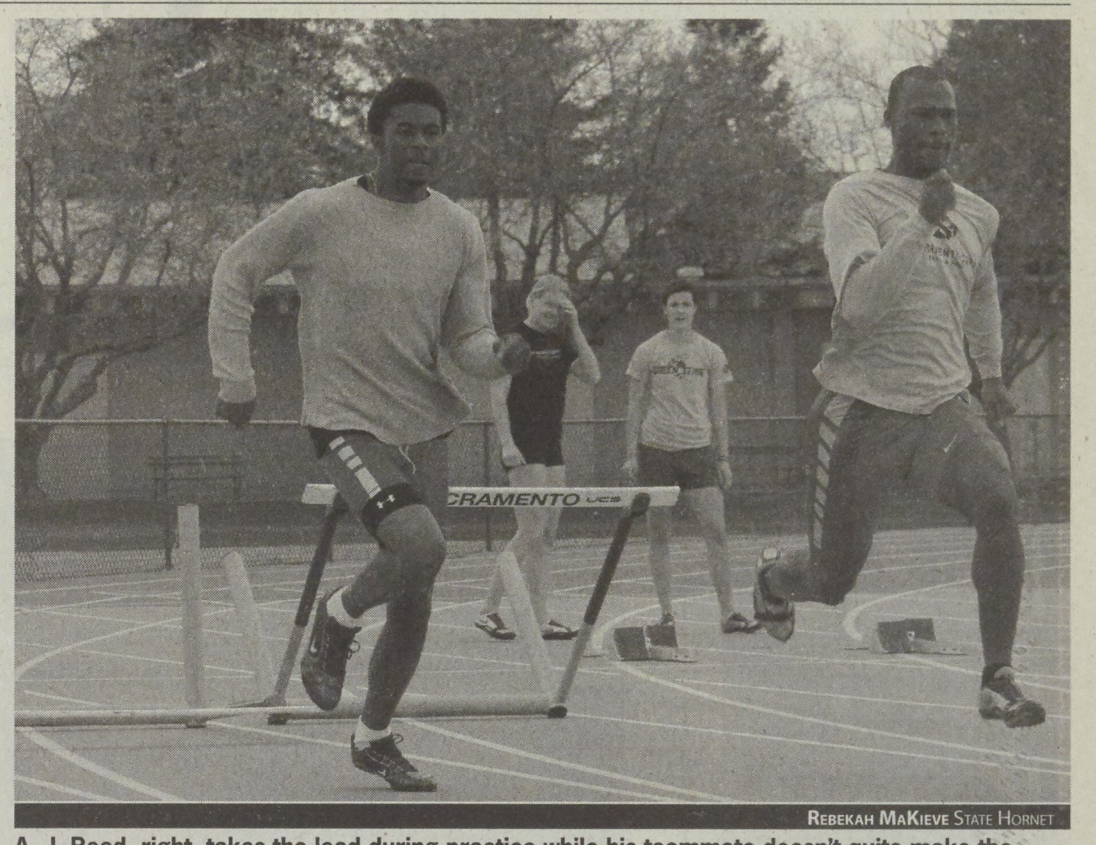
The Hornets also competed in the Salbasgeon Suites Invitational on March 15 in a four-team meet.

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COURTNEY PHOTO OF MELISSA GENOVESE

Senior Melissa Genovese poses in the pink tutu she found in a teammate's home while visiting San Francisco in February. The senior stopped by the coast for a photograph. From left to right: Alexis Tsurumoto, Genovese, Alyssa Onaga, Nicole Giao and Hava McCarter-Ribakoff.



REBEKAH MAKIEVE STATE HORNET

A. J. Reed, right, takes the lead during practice while his teammate doesn't quite make the height for the hurdle on March 12 in the Hornet Stadium.

Track: Hornets head home

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events that were not able to compete in the indoor season as well.

"We are excited to see some of our new athletes compete in their events for the outdoor season since they were not able to compete in the indoor," Raske said.

For seniors in their final season, they are looking to do well with a young team. With a key loss in senior Big Sky MVP Raphael McFarlane, who completed his eligibility in the indoor season, they are looking for other athletes to fill in the gaps.

Jody Johnson, the second half of the senior duo (McFarlane) has one more season in him, in which he will be used all across the track for this year.

"I think we will do pretty good this year. Even though we lost Raphael, we have a lot of strong athletes that can score when it comes down to conference time," senior sprinter Alex Jackson said.

The track team's advantage is that they are the only team in the Big Sky Conference that practices year-round on an outdoor track. The team winning indoor with no indoor facility made a big statement in the conference, Raske said.

"There will be no problem transitioning from indoor to outdoor. In fact, we will probably have an easier time than anybody in the conference since our facilities are solely outdoor," senior sprinter and jumper Tyreina Henley-Henderson said.

Since the lady Hornets did not lose anybody, they feel that the sky is the limit for them winning outdoor. Keeping their focus on the indoor championship is their motivation for the outdoor season.

"I think we are going to win Big Sky for outdoor, too. The only seniors on the girls side are me and Lori (Vaught). As long as we stay healthy and keep practicing hard, we can take it again," Henley-Henderson said.

As its conference championship is still a little ways away, the team still prepares for it every day it steps on the track. The team has a couple of meets at home such as the Hornet Invite and the Sac State Nike Elite meet at the end of March.

Those two meets, plus practice at Hornet Stadium, will get the team ready since the team's conference championship is at home in Sacramento on its track.

"We are back into the beginning of training from square one. All of training will add up and be well rewarded for the conference championship," Raske said.

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Coach: More than 60 applicants

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"I wanted to give coach every opportunity to give his best effort," Wanless said.

Upon the completion of every season Wanless said he sits down and evaluates the program, and it was during that period that he determined that a change was necessary.

Leath said he understood Wanless' assertion once he heard the athletic director's reasoning for the decision.

"When Dr. Wanless expressed to me that he wanted to go to another level and go in a different direction … I guess I agreed with him at that point," Leath said.

When asked if qualifying for the conference tournament might have saved Jenkins' job, Wanless said that although he doesn't like to comment on speculative issues, a tournament appearance would have been "a factor in (Jenkins') favor."

McGhee said that Jenkins was a good coach, but sometimes had problems with his players.

"Some of the players just wanted to rebel and that's why things went how they went his year," McGhee said. "Sometimes players didn't want to listen."

"He had his own way of (communicating)," Leath said. "People probably took offense to a couple of things he said but he meant well, all in all."

During his time with the Hornets, none of Jenkins' teams finished a season with an overall record over .500 and he never took the Hornets to the conference title game or the NCAA Tournament. Jenkins did experience some success with Sac State, however, including a span from 2002-06 in which he led the Hornets to four consecutive conference tournament appearances.

"I want to complement coach Jenkins," Wanless said. "He certainly left the program better than he found it."

Wanless also said the program has some talented players on the roster and can return to the conference tournament next season.

"You have to be realistic," Wanless said about the team's future. "It's not going to be instantaneous. It's going to take time to build a solid foundation for the future of the program."

Among the players returning are McGhee, who was named the Big Sky Conference Freshman of the Year this season, and Leath, who led the team in scoring this season with 13.1 points per game and has averaged 12.5 points per game in his Sac State career. Overall the Hornets stand to lose three seniors, of which only guard Clark Woods started more than 11 games during the year.

"We have a whole bunch of weapons," McGhee said. "To me, we were the most athletic team in the conference, like, hands down. So we just need a way to just bring everybody together so we can use everything on the court."

The process of selecting a new coach certainly will not be hampered by a lack of candidates: Wanless said he has received over 80 applications for the position already from a variety of different people - including NBA, Division I and community college coaches and former NBA players - from all over the country.

Both McGhee and Leath said they would like to see more organization with the next head coach, but also had other qualifications in mind.

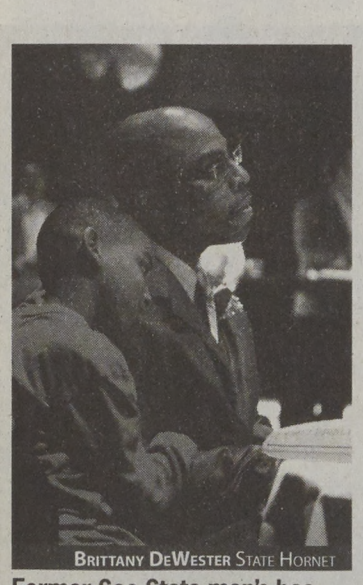
"Somebody that just wants to win, that doesn't like to take losses and gets the team under control," McGhee said.

"I'll say a little bit more x's and o's and just a little bit more structure where it's needed," Leath said.

The rest of the coaching staff received two-month extensions, Wanless said, and they will continue to represent the department during the coaching search. Once a new coach has been hired it will be at his or her discretion to retain members of the coaching staff or hire replacements

Jenkins could not be reached for comment.

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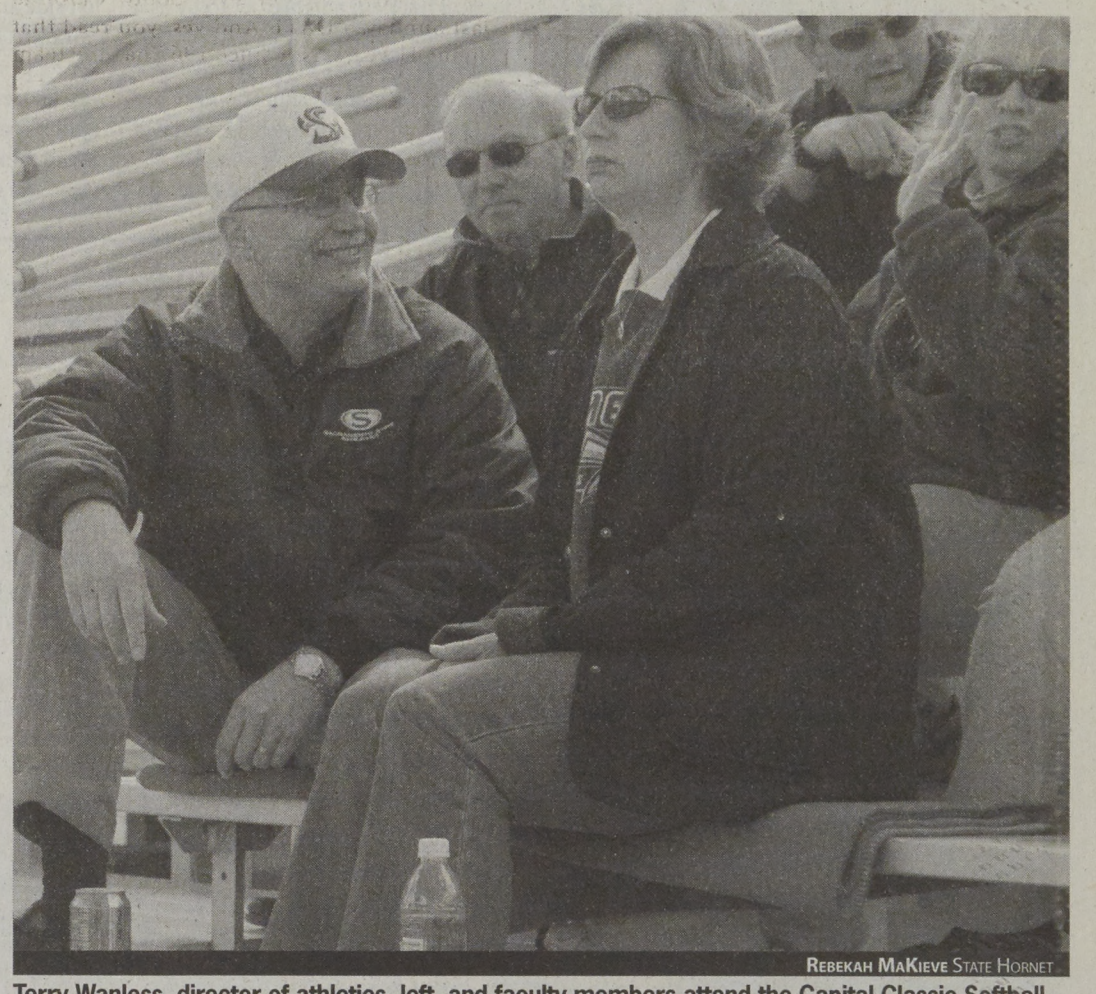


BRITTANY DEWESTER STATE HORNET

Former Sac State men's basketball coach Jerome Jenkins was honored on Feb. 16 in the University Union. His son Jalen holds onto him as they listen to kind words sopken by the guest speakers.

"If there is one thing I want to be known as, it's someone who works diligently with a student-athlete to help them realize their goals and dreams. "Everything else is all temporary."

Terry Wanless, Sac State athletic director



REBEKAH MAKIEVE STATE HORNET

Terry Wanless, director of athletics, left, and faculty members attend the Capital Classic Softball Tournament to support the Sac State team on Friday at the Sacramento Softball Complex.

Wanless: One of five for Eastern Illinois AD job

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he said.

As part of the screening process for the finalists, Eastern's Athletic Director Search Committee will interview coaches, faculty, and student-athletes to aid in the final decision making process. Earlier in the month, Wanless attended an open interview at Eastern to give students and faculty there a chance to talk to him about the direction he would take the athletic department should he be chosen as the prime candidate for the position.

But he said it's too premature to have these thoughts of leaving so early in the final selection process, saying he has built up a lot of loyalty to his staff and to all the student-athletes who are in the program and those who are already starting out on their careers.

"If there is one thing I want to be known as, it's someone who works diligently with a student-athlete to help them realize their goals and dreams," Wanless said. "Everything else is all temporary."

At 60 years of age, Wanless said he still has excellent health, a lot of energy, and a lot of things left to accomplish before he plans to retire at 70.

Prior to his position at Sac State, Wanless served as athletic director at the University of North Dakota between 1990-1999, leading the program there to capture four NCAA Championships and 36 conference titles.

He also served as the athletic director for Western Carolina University from 1986-1990 and Towson University in Maryland, between the years of 1973-1986.

Wanless earned his degree in physical education at Black Hills State University and his master's degree at Northern Illinois University. He earned his doctorate in athletics administration from Temple University.

Eastern's previous athletic director, Rich McDuffie, was removed from the position following an investigation of sexual harassment charges sparked by complaints from a former softball coach and the Director of Athletic Development. The complaints were launched separate complaints, in 2002 and 2005. The investigation committee found no conclusive evidence.

Ken Baker, the school's Director of Campus Recreation, was appointed interim athletic director until a replacement is found.

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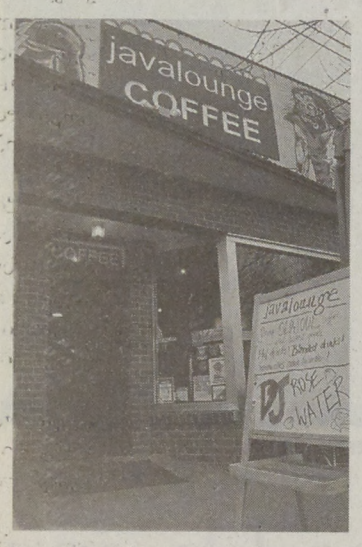
Correction

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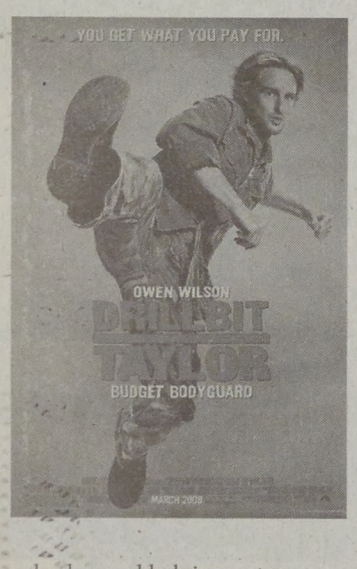
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ANGELS FLYING HIGH



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With a thunderous bang, the jets of the Navy's Blue Angels could be heard zooming over the Sacramento State campus last weekend. The Angels were in the air for their annual show held at Mather Air Force Base.

Before the event Lt. Commander Paul Brantuas was available to answer questions.

When asked what the requirements are for becoming a Blue Angel, Brantuas said, "You have to have 1,250 tactical hours in a fighter jet to fly as a demo pilot, to fly one of the six jets. But we also have maintenance officers, an administrative officer, a public affairs officer and a supply officer and we have three C-130 pilots … so we have a total of 16 officers and about 100 enlisted personnel."

He said anyone can apply online at the Blue Angels' website whether it's for a position as a maintenance crew member or as one of the pilots.

At the event, Brantuas spoke about the formation the squadron flies in.

"The way it works is we have a diamond formation. We have a boss in the number one jet and the right wingman on the right side of the boss. The left wingman, number three, is on the left side of the boss and the slot pilot flies behind and underneath the boss. When the soloists join up, number five and number six, they join up into that diamond and make a delta formation. Number five is on the left side and number six is on the right."

Brantus also talked about pilot formation and speed.

"The fastest we go, the solos will do what we call a sneak pass and it's sub-sonic and it's about .98 Mach. On sea level that's between 650 and 700 mph," he said.





Left, Bill Stein and collaborators took flight and kept a perfect formation at the Mather Air Force Base on Sunday morning. Below, a C-130 Hercules, massive in size was on display for the crowd that gathered during Sunday's show.

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Alternative Break: Breaking the mold

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Spring break is a time to put down the pen, turn off the laptop and enjoy yourself. While some Sacramento State students prefer to have beach sand in their toes, others have volunteered to do a river clean-up and work on house projects.

The Community Engagement Center of Sac State, previously known as Office of Community Collaboration, is having its Alternative Break-Spring 2008 from March 31 through April 4.

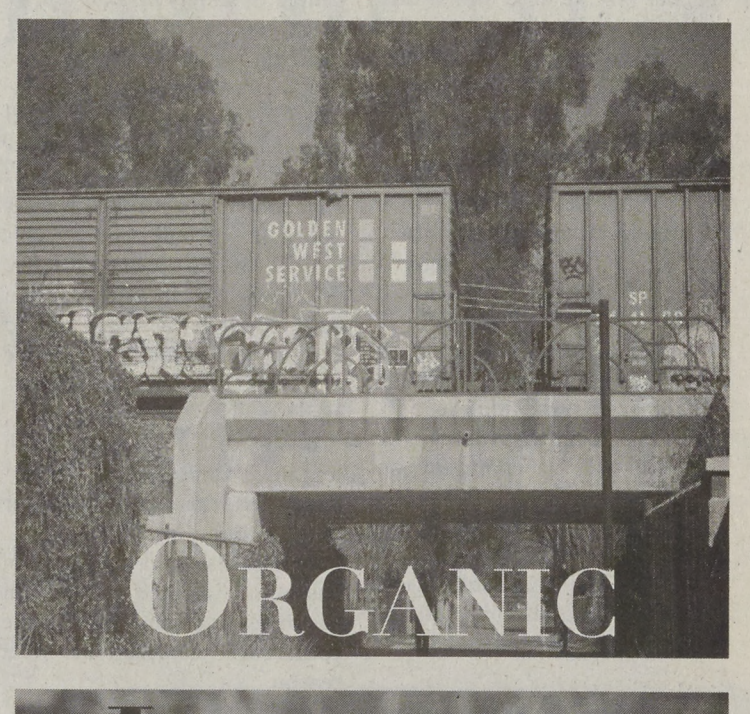
Community Partnerships Coordinator for the Community Engagement Center Brendan McVeigh said students who are interested in Alternative Break-Spring 2008 are encouraged to attend the last information and sign-up meeting at 2 p.m. today in the University Union's Auburn Suite.

Partnering up with American River Parkway Foundation, Habitat for Humanity and Sacramento Tree Foundation, Alternative Break-Spring 2008 will start with the celebration of Cesar Chavez Day, McVeigh said.

Tourism administration major John Lynch, who is a former volunteer of Alternative Break-Winter 2008, is excited to give back and learn about the community this spring break, as well.

Lynch was one of 51 students who participated

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Claire Padgett State Hornet

Above, a train, displaying graffiti, crosses Elvas Avenue. Below, a water fountain is seen tucked behind the bushes near the Sacramento State tennis courts.



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The interior of Ma Jong's Asian Diner is adorned with Asian-inspired decor.

"The décor is pretty unusual. I wanted to go after a village atmosphere with an urban and modern flair."

Mason Wong, owner of Ma Jong's Asian Diner

Mixing it up in downtown

By Briana Monasky
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Experimentation is good. Haven't we always heard that?

Mason Wong is creating something different in Sacramento's dining and drinking experience. In a sea of chain restaurants and overpriced comfort food, Wong is bringing a fresh dining experience with the possibility of a "no cover" night of dancing attached to it.

Two steps into Ma Jong's Asian Diner, located at the corner of 15th and L streets, transports you into an Asian village with the style and flavor of a contemporary bungalow. The restaurant is stream-lined and sleek with lots of available seating.

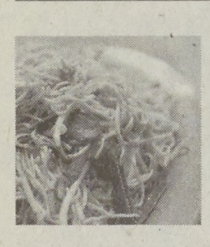
"The décor is pretty unusual," Wong said. "I wanted to go after a village atmosphere with an urban and modern flair."

The furnishings may be visually stunning, especially in the evening, but the food's presentation fails where the tables and paper lamps over achieve.

I ordered three dishes - Vietnamese salad rolls, shanghai spicy chow mein and crispy honey walnut shrimp with brown rice. All of these tasted fantastic, but visually left me wanting more, like an incompetent lover.

Ma Jong's features flavors from Japan, Korea, Thailand,

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Mason Wong, owner of Ma Jong's Asian Diner



Restaurant: Owner influenced by Asian cultures, brings new tastes to Downtown Sacramento

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Vietnam and China, according to the restaurant's website. The recipes on the menu are inspired by the Asian grandmothers of each of these cultures.

The salad rolls were my first endeavor. Four plump, neatly arranged rice-wrapped rolls greeted me. They were stuffed with shrimp, pork, rice noodles, carrots and mint. Wong, who prides himself on his 20 house-made sauces, paired these rolls with a deep plum-colored tangy concoction that complimented the rolls well.

The intricate flavor details of his sauces make his food distinct. His chow is nothing without his glazes, marinades and dressings.

"Our sauces are carefully put together at the beginning of every week," Wong said. "It's how we're able to keep everything consistent."

The shanghai spicy chow mein was second on my list. Wong featured this dish as a special and its popularity begged for a spot on the menu. Noodles can be boring, but these weren't. Chili flakes peppered this dish as well as julienned carrots and zucchini.

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The finale was a dish full of more of the culinary experimentation Wong mentioned - crispy honey shrimp that can be ordered with brown or white rice. The shrimp were lightly fried and painted with a honey-based glaze. Candied walnuts garnished the plate and added a dimension Pan-Asian food rarely plunges toward. One side of the plate was covered with a heaping serving of rice.

A refreshing advantage to Ma Jong's is the option for brown rice as aforementioned. As a connoisseur of all foods Asian, I've dealt with the peril of constant white rice. Healthy alternatives make us like you more, Mr. Restaurant. With these tiny touches we feel like you care. Oprah would be proud.

So would Travel Channel's Anthony Bourdain.

Travel is what ultimately brought new ideas and flavors to the creators of Ma Jong's.

"That's how we came up with the menu," Wong said. "Over 30 years of traveling through New York, L.A., Miami, Chicago, and we took all of our experience and put together a menu that we thought was going to be the best selection and most attractive to our customers. There are a lot of Chinese restaurants, but we put out an attractive menu and are consistent."

Feeling a little bloated from your mandarin beef salad? Perhaps it was orange peel chicken. How about dancing the night and your troubles away at the super fancy Park Ultra Lounge?

The nightclub and lounge that touts a $20 cover charge for entrance can be waived with the purchase of an entrée from Ma Jong's. With your choices ranging from $5.25 to $9.75, that appears to be savings in your pocket, poor college student. Simply make sure to show up in your best Forever 21 halter-top. And if you bring your boyfriend, be certain his shirt's a button-up as the nightclub has a dress code.

Wong opened The Park in September 2005 with the simple mantra of "eat, drink, play." The intended experience hopes to be a trifecta of casual dining with Ma Jong's upscale, modern American cuisine with Mason's and a posh nightclub with the Park Ultra Lounge.

All three establishments are weaved into one accessible building.

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Break: Students give up time

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in Alternative Break-Winter 2008 in January. Communication studies major Melissa Wallace was also a participant of the alternative break.

"I didn't make it to Sac State on my own," Wallace said in a video for a KVIE program called Focus, which highlighted students who participated in Alternative Break-Winter 2008.

"I had a lot of scholarships given to me through the communities in Elk Grove and Sacramento … so for me, this is a way of giving back to the community that is supporting me and my college education."

Giving back to the communities that continue to give support also comes with more knowledge of the community.

"Not only did I meet a lot of great people, but I learned about the community and the operation at the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services," Lynch said.

McVeigh expected students to learn exactly what Lynch had learned.

"Students learn team work, leadership skills and their local community a little bit better," McVeigh said.

"Spring break for students is a time when you can take time out of the academic setting and do whatever you want," he said. "Alternative Break is for students who want to get involved in the local community by doing service with their peers."

Monday and Tuesday's projects are not yet determined, but Lynch is excited to work at the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services on Wednesday.

Although the activities for March 31 have not been confirmed as of March 12, students will be doing service projects in honor of Cesar Chavez. For example, Alternative Break-Winter 2008 celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day by doing projects at Martin Luther King Jr. School.

Furthermore, activities for Alternative Break-Spring 2008 are not set in stone as of March 12 because of the different partners and their many activities the Community Engagement Center is working with.

The activities for April 3 and 4 will be determined by how far Habitat for Humanity has gone with its house projects, McVeigh said.

"Students may be doing projects ranging from digging foundations to putting the finishing touches to a house," McVeigh said.

Participants will receive free lunches and shirts.

McVeigh credits Provost Joseph Sheley for providing alternative breaks to Sac State students.

"What I had originally said to (the Community Engagement Center) was to have some kind of community service where students feel they have accomplished something working as a team," Sheley said.

"Students first learn how to do things together," Sheley said. "Second, feel a real accomplishment for contributing to make the region a better place and third, we are noticed out there as Sac State and not as individual Sac State students."

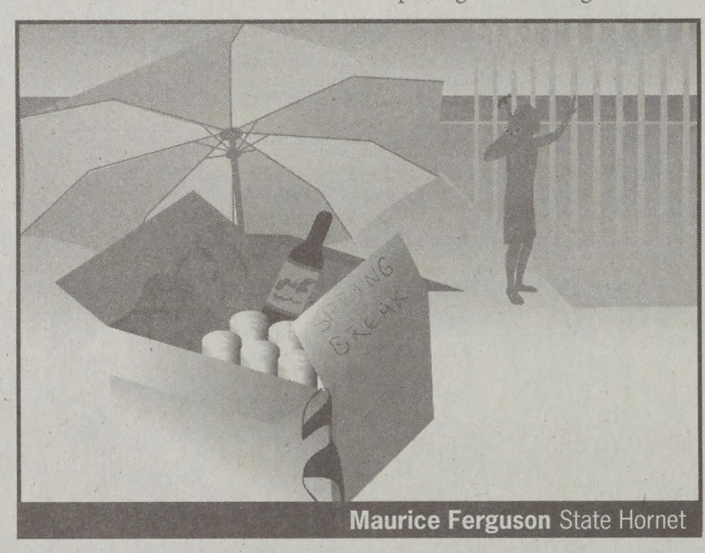
However, some are not fortunate enough to have a spring break or be a participant of Alternative Break-Spring 2008.

While journalism major Katie Lodato has never had a spring break and will not this year because of track practices, business major Colt Hawkins has to stay in Sacramento to work.

"Work, work, work," Hawkins said. "I'd rather be snowboarding in Canada because it has Whistler and Black Comb (resorts)."

However, Lodato and Hawkins still have the opportunity to participate in Alternative Break-Spring 2008.

"The idea of signing up for Alternative Break is so students can participate in one to five days worth of activities," McVeigh said. "So if you're available on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, you can get involved that way if you have to work on Monday and Wednesday."



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Here are the answers from last weeks puzzle.

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Mark Lanning, Jr.

Photo and assignment by **Brittany DeWester** State Hornet

1. How did you get into photography?

"High school photo class. I took a picture of my cat on a couch in my room, and my photo teacher put it on the wall in the class. It just excited me more than anything. Dan, Sharmon and the rest of the staff have kept me going; there's a great atmosphere in the department."

2. Who's your favorite artist?

"I've gone from Irving Penn to Richard Avedon to Jim Goldberg to Eggleston to Sternfeld… I've been open to suggestion. I'm looking a lot at Hiroshi Sugimoto and amateur photographers."

3. Where do you get your inspiration from for your work?

"Having a camera … I dunno … I think the more I see what contemporary photographers are doing, and the old masters before… I want to join that conversation. I'm trying to get down to who I am. I'm in no rush. It's exciting to be young but I feel 'old.' It's nonsense in words - luckily for me I make images."

4. Do you have a specific message you are trying to convey through your work?

"Not yet. I'm trying to challenge myself. I'm hoping better will come from that."

5. What are your goals for the future?

"Not to be freaked out by time or age. There are ways to do what I want to do - they all take a long time. I think I'll be happiest if I secure the ability to support myself, but continue to grow as a photographer. After awhile I decided the teaching route would fulfill a lot for me. I've been helped so much; I'd like to help some kids out later."

6. What, if anything, do you feel is different about your work compared to that of other photographers?

"Simply that it's mine. I'm proud of what I've done, not so worried about comparison right now. I need to see more, shoot more, grow… all that."

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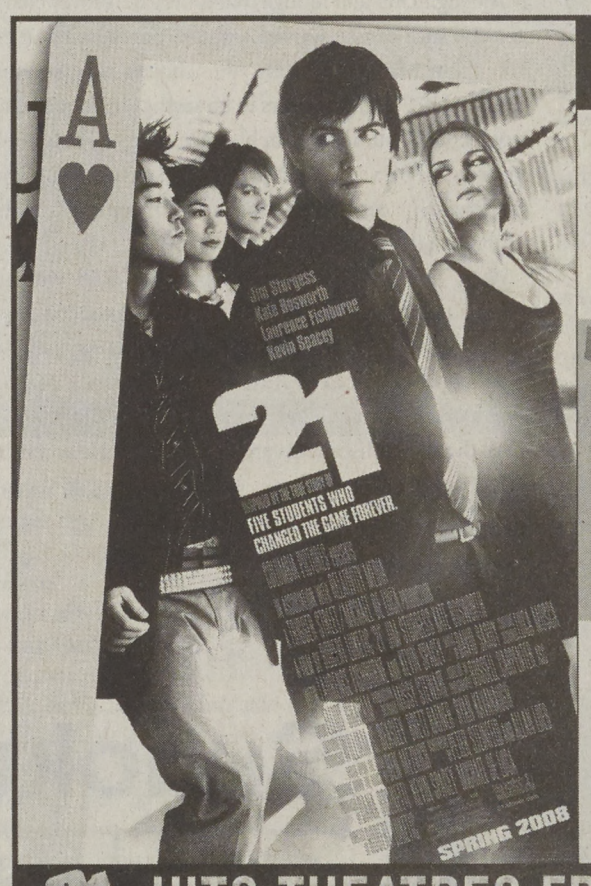


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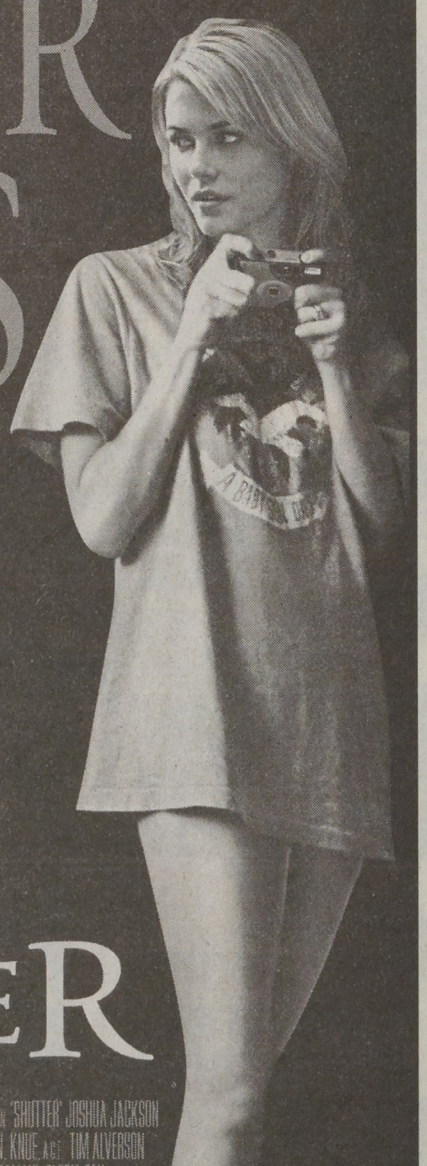
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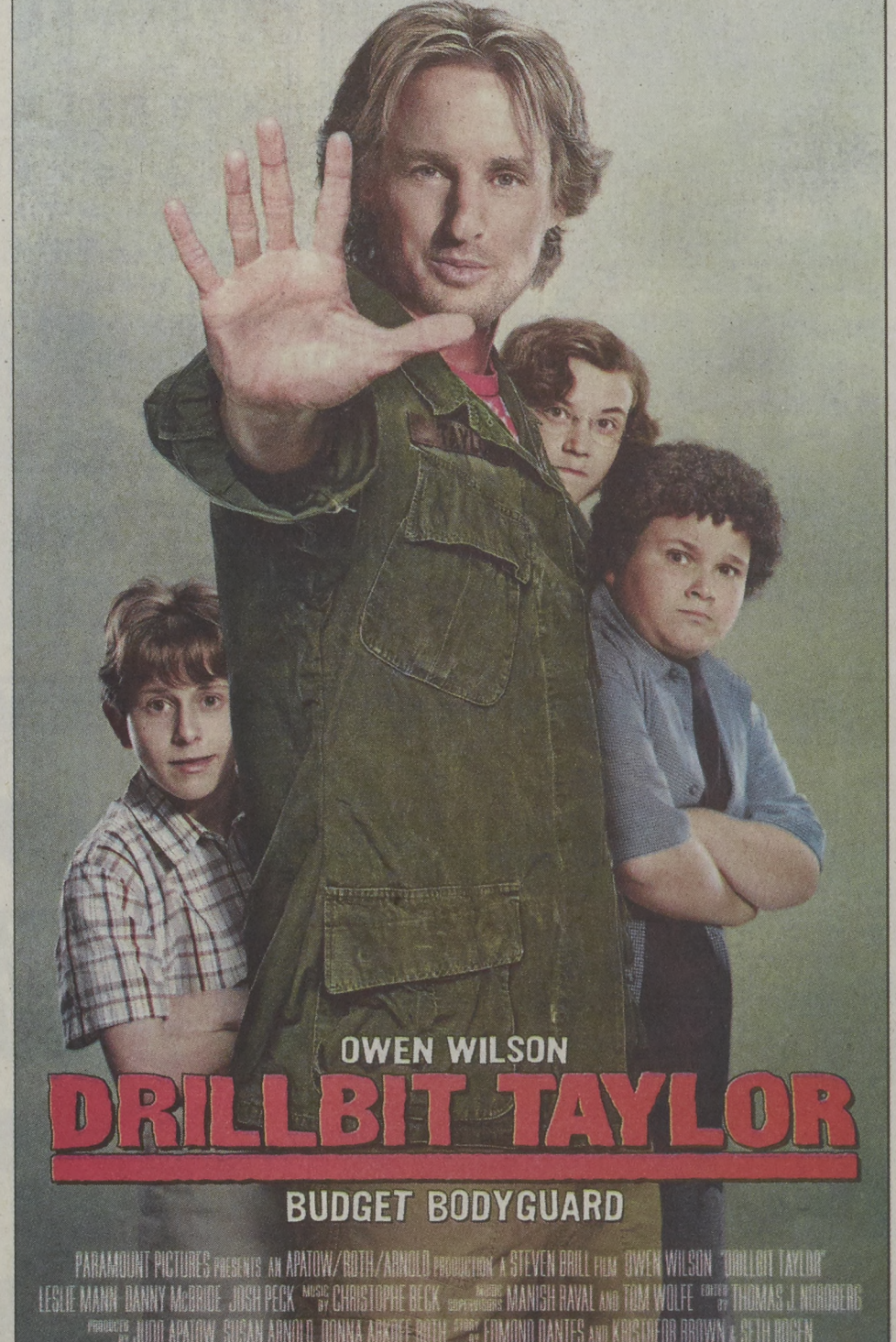
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